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Annual meeting, third Thursday in May

Semi-Annual meeting, third Thursday in October

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Society may be had by the election of the applicant by the Executive Committee, the payment of the entrance fee, and of the annual dues.

Entrance fee	\$2.00
Annual dues	2.00
Life membership	25.00

These payments carry with them the right to hold office, to vote and to take part in the proceedings of the Society.

Annual dues are payable on January 1st of each year.



FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the

DUTCHESS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

.....Dollars

Meeting of Trustees and Pilgrimage Committee

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1922

Present: President Adams, Mr. Henry Booth, Dr. I. D. Le Roy, Mr. Charles B. Glass and Dr. Poucher.

It was decided to hold the Annual Pilgrimage September 16th and that the invitation of the Putnam County Society to visit Putnam County be accepted.

Annual Pilgrimage

The Annual Pilgrimage of the members of the Dutchess County Historical Society was held September 16, 1922. The following record is copied from "The Cold Spring Recorder" of September 22, 1922.

"In its pilgrimage to Putnam County, the hikers were met at the county line at 10 o'clock in the morning by Mr. Stuyvesant Fish, Vice-President of the Putnam County Historical Society, and Miss Mary H. Haldane, its Secretary, who gave them cordial welcome.

"The itinerary which had been arranged was then carried out. The first stop was made at the old Hustis house in the North Highlands, built by David Hustis, the first settler in Philipstown township in 1730. Generals Washington, Steuben and Lafayette had stopped at this house.

"After a short stop the party followed the state road inspecting the restored mile stones on the way to Nelson's Mills (Captain James Nelson's place) where a stop was made and its early Revolutionary history told. At this point the party turned into the old Albany Post Road, known in Revolutionary times as the "King's Highway."

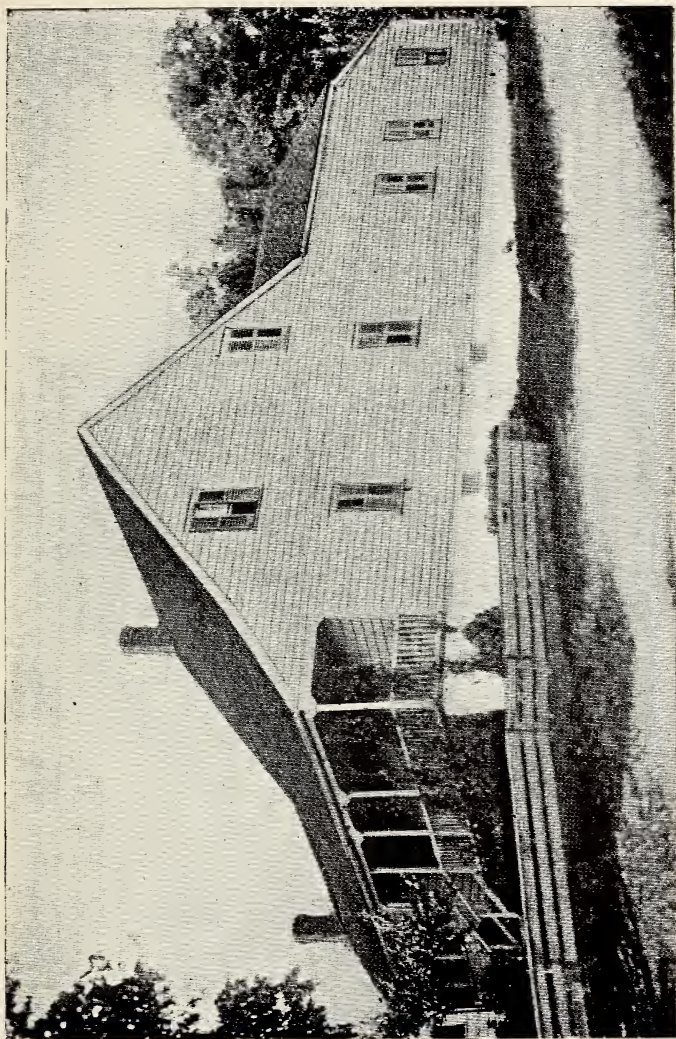
Along this highway were strung out at intervals the winter camp of the soldiers of the Revolutionary War. The first camp site visited was on the old Hopper farm and known as "Camp Soldier's Fortune". And so the company proceeded down the King's Highway, stopping here and there to note historic points and to inspect milestones and boulders until they arrived at Continental Village, rich in historical associations and the Mecca of the pilgrimage.

"Arrived at Continental Village, the company inspected its many historic places and viewed with interest the boulder erected in the autumn of 1921 by Mr. Stuyvesant Fish to the Mothers of the Revolution. A further monument by Mr. Fish to the progress of these days that proved an object of their admiration was the splendid Continental Village farm with modern buildings and appurtenances.

"These modern pilgrims do not travel without provision against the call of appetite and so at the noon hour they gathered around tables set outside the community house and did full justice to the contents of lunch baskets that they had brought along. To this enjoyable repast the farm contributed, not the fruit of the vine, but the fruit of the splendid herds from its many hills—rich, creamy ice cooled milk.

"After luncheon President Gouverneur Kemble of the Putnam County Society introduced in turn President William P. Adams and Secretary J. Wilson Poucher of the Dutchess County Society who in brief but well chosen terms expressed the appreciation of the visitors in their cordial reception and their pleasure in the historical places already visited. Later, it was stated by an influential member of the Dutchess County Society that this was their most delightful and successful hike.

"President Kemble then introduced Mr. Fish, who gave the following valuable address:



The Hustis House

Address by Stuyvesant Fish

"Those of us whose heredity and antecedents take them back to the Revolutionary period, must remember that the County of Putnam in those days formed a subdivision of that of Dutchess, but it does not need any such recollections to make our welcome of our friends from Dutchess more hearty.

"As the rule of the day is for two minute speeches let me get to my subject.

"The evacuation of Boston by the British on March 17, 1776, took place before the Declaration of Independence. From that time onward no serious actions took place in New England, the British turning their attention to New York City, which they captured in September of that year. Then came the long, determined struggle for the possession of the valley of the North River, which, with Lake Champlain, afforded so nearly a complete water route to Canada. Had the invaders taken and held that line of communication the Thirteen Colonies would have been cut in two. But Burgoyne's expedition failed, resulting in his capitulation at Saratoga.

"Meanwhile in the autumn of 1776, Washington, seeing the military necessity of holding the Highlands, had given to General William Heath, general command therein. The latter in reporting (November 18, 1776) as to the disposition of the troops under his orders at previous points, on both sides of the river, said, 'Barracks and works are erecting at each of those places,' among them this spot, then named and since known as Continental Village. Although the British did in October 1777 burn the barracks here, their stay was but momentary. The barracks were quickly rebuilt and thereafter held unmolested until the end of the war in 1872. Indeed there sprang up all along the line of the road which brought you here, 'The King's Highway' and at other points on this and the other side of the river, in the Highlands, a series of camps. In them our fathers suffered as severely and through seven long winters, as did any of the heroes of Valley Forge through the one winter of 1777 and 1778. But Valley Forge is not in New York, and has therefore come down to us in history. On the other hand the heroism and the endurance of suffering and deprivation by the Continental troops in these Highland Camps is nowhere mentioned, further than that Thatcher and Dwight and other New England writers of the Revolutionary period, who served in these parts, do comment on the bleak barrenness of our mountains. Will the story of New York in the Revolution, which at

least was the battlefield and the bone of contention, ever be made public?

"All we claim for Continental Village is that it became a Military Post and Depot of Supplies in 1776, that it so remained until the end, and that being on the only road through the Highlands it was visited by every officer or man who served in these parts, being generally designated as "The Village" in the reports and on the maps of those days.'

"Following the pleasant visit to Continental Village the itinerary was again taken up and included stops at Camp Robinson Farm on the Cat Rock road, the site of the Beverley Robinson house and other points of historic interest.

"The joint pilgrimage terminated at St. Philip's Church. An influential member of the visiting society said that this was their most successful hike. It will go down as a red letter day in the annals of the local society.

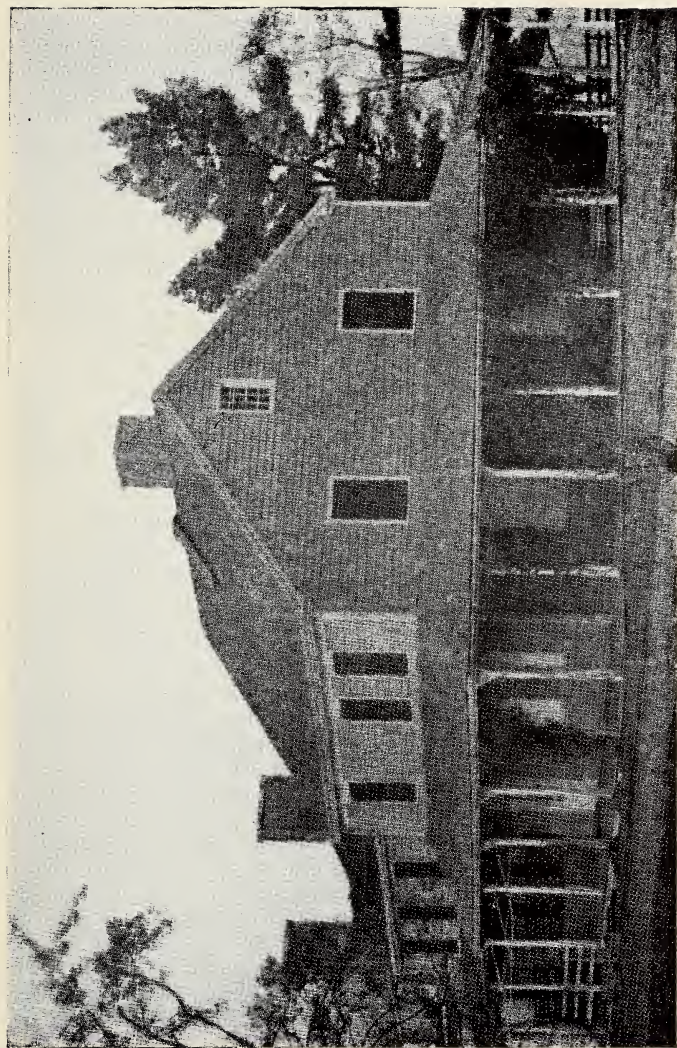
"It is estimated that there were more than twenty-five automobiles.

"In appreciation of their reception, Judge Frank Hasbrouck of Poughkeepsie, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Fish and the Putnam County Historical Society."

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE, SEPTEMBER 16, 1922

Visit of Dutchess County Historical Society.

Gouverneur Kemble,	Miss Katherine Adams,
Cold Spring	Red Hook
Stuyvesant Fish, Garrison	Radcliffe Heermance, Princeton
Mary H. Haldane, Cold Spring	Dr. and Mrs. I. D. Le Roy,
Rev. Walter Thompson,	Pleasant Valley
Garrison	Miss Helen W. Reynolds,
Mr. Walter Thompson, Garrison	Poughkeepsie
Miss Jennie F. Thompson,	Dr. J. W. Poucher,
Garrison	Poughkeepsie
Lewis H. Allen, Staatsburgh	Miss Anna Poucher,
George S. Van Vliet,	Poughkeepsie
Staatsburgh	Mrs. J. W. Poucher,
Robert S. Hadden, Staatsburgh	Poughkeepsie
William P. Adams, Red Hook	Mrs. Samuel Verplanck, Beacon



The Beverley Robinson House

Judge Frank Hasbrouck,
 Poughkeepsie
 Mrs. Abram Van Wyck,
 New York
 Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Stringham,
 Fishkill Plains
 Dr. Wm. S. Thomas, New York
 Mrs. Suckley, Rhinebeck
 Miss Ethel Douglass Merritt,
 Rhinebeck
 Prof. Charles A. Colton,
 Pleasant Valley
 Prof. and Mrs. J. Franklyn
 Freeborn, Cold Spring
 Miss Julia Ross Freeborn,
 Cold Spring
 Mrs. James A. Glover, Garrison
 Mrs. Charles de la Vergne,
 Salt Point
 Miss Adeline C. Brinckerhoff,
 Beacon, N. Y.
 Miss Emma O. Brinckerhoff,
 Beacon, N. Y.
 Miss Mary L. Hustis, Beacon
 Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Van Houten,
 Beacon
 M. Elizabeth Cole, Hyde Park
 Mrs. E. B. Husted,
 Pleasant Valley
 Anna B. Moore, Poughkeepsie
 Mrs. F. J. Snyder, Poughkeepsie
 Mrs. Jas. Brown, Poughkeepsie
 Mrs. Chas. Browne,
 Poughkeepsie
 Mrs. E. G. Minard,
 Poughkeepsie
 Wm. E. Verplanck, Beacon
 Mrs. James C. Browning,
 Albany
 J. B. Waldo, Hopewell Junction
 Miss Laura Culver, Amenia
 Miss E. V. Hook, Amenia
 Mrs. L. M. Sherwood, Amenia
 Miss Lida Haight Millbrook

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore de
 Laporte, Rhinebeck
 Miss Reed, Rhinebeck
 A. H. Peckham, Poughkeepsie
 Miss Margaret C. Peckham,
 Poughkeepsie
 Dr. Z. J. Arnold, Pawling
 Frank W. Mylod, Poughkeepsie
 Charles Mylod, Brooklyn
 Thos. Mylod, Jr., Brooklyn
 Mrs. Frederick W. Holmes,
 Pawling
 Chester Husted, Pleasant Valley
 Wm. T. Livingston, New York
 Edgar Briggs, Pleasant Valley
 Mrs. Robert C. Smith,
 Pleasant Valley
 Mrs. Robert C. Smith,
 Poughkeepsie
 Helen A. Waldo, Fishkill
 Charles de la Vergne, Salt Point
 Mrs. Howell White, Fishkill
 Helena White, Fishkill
 Miss M. W. Fuller, Troy
 Martha T. Taber, Pawling
 Mrs. F. C. Taber, Pawling
 Mrs. Sarah Sherman, Oneonta
 Martha A. Taber, Pawling
 Alecia H. Taber, Pawling
 Charles R. de la Vergne,
 Wappengers Falls
 George D. Keenz, New York
 Leonidas Westervelt, New York
 Gretal Ziusser, Cold Spring
 Mr. and Mrs. Claude Abel,
 Verbank
 Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Knapp,
 Millbrook
 Mrs. A. Swift, Millbrook
 Douglas Merritt, Rhinebeck
 Edna H. Keith, Poughkeepsie
 Edwin H. Keith, Poughkeepsie
 Linsley J. Keith, Poughkeepsie
 J. Lorton Lee, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Quacken-
bush, Cold Spring
Mrs. Norman Maish, Garrison
Everett H. Travis,
Poughkeepsie
Thos. Mylod, Poughkeepsie
John J. Mylod, Poughkeepsie
Mary V. Mylod, Poughkeepsie
George E. Hustis, Cold Spring

Mrs. James L. Smith,
Cold Spring
Sylvanus Ferris, Cold Spring
Wanen Ferres, Cold Spring
Mrs. John Marie, Cold Spring
Rev. Elbert Floyd-Jones,
Cold Spring
Miss Helen B. Didier, Garrison
Miss Rynders, Rhinebeck.

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present than I am possessed of -
I wish most sincerely to let by my
own fire side - let others by their
military talents ~~and~~ look for
applauders - give me an inglorious
country life - I hope the Public
affairs will never have occasion
again for my service - nothing but
a very gloomy prospect indeed shall
draw me out of my rest -

I think myself the most fortunate
of men in nothing so much, as that
malice has not yet attacked my
character - a circumstance which
very rarely attends those held up
to public view - if they will hold
her hand a little longer I think
I shall be wise enough to get out
of her way - perhaps you will be

for taking my place - shall I recom-
mend you for a Brigadier?

Remember ^{me} in proper terms to
G. D. etc.

Yours well

Yours most affectionately

Richd. Montgomerie

The last

Mr. Janet Montgomery

Dec 10th

Head Quarters before Lake
Dec 7th 1864

I have been favoured with my dear
Janet's letter up to the 20th Nov^r.
— since I can't get to you it is
a very great pleasure to hear from
you. But are you not unreasonable
to expect long letters in a style
as if I had nothing of greater impor-
tance upon my mind than the chit-
chat of friends? — all you asked
from me at letting out was frequent
short letters to acquaint ^{you} of my health
— now you have enlarged your demands
— you be what an unreasonable creature
you women are, & how hard to be
satisfied —

I begin to admire much your
Heroism — you have more of it at

Head Quarters before Ladys
Dec. 21st 1862

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Meetings of Board of Trustees

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1922

AT THE AMRITA CLUB

Present: President Adams, Mr. Booth, Mr. Mylod, Mr. Van Vliet, Mrs. Kaley and Dr. Poucher.

The following names for new members were proposed and elected: Rev. M. W. Rice, Wappingers Falls, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Mapes, Beacon, N. Y.; Mr. Harry B. Culver, Amenia, N. Y.; Mrs. Laura B. Culver and Mrs. Arthur B. Culver, Amenia, N. Y.; Mrs. Cornelia M. Du Bois, 2 Lexington Ave., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul I. Reynolds, 231 Mill street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. James Reynolds, 130 South Hamilton street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mrs. Charles Henry Roberts, Farmer's Loan and Trust Company, New York City, N. Y.; Mr. Irving Bruce Roberts, Farmer's Loan and Trust Co., New York City; Mr. Samuel I. Robinson, 20 Forbus street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Miss Katherine I. Arnold, 12 Forbus street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mr. Frederick Barnard. Trust Company Building, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mr. E. E. Perkins, 19 Market street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mrs. Ralph Butts, 124 Academy street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Smith, Pleasant Valley, N. Y.; Willet E. Hoysradt, 96 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, N. L.; Robert Wilkinson, 87 South Hamilton street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; and Mrs. Jessie Edna Roake, 14 Grey street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Mr. Booth reported progress on the Year Book.

Dr. Poucher reported the receipt of a book entitled: "Glimpses Through Portals of the Past," by Hedden and Earle. It was accepted with the thanks of the Society and a note of acknowledgement sent to Mr. F. E. Ackerman and Mr. Earle.

On motion, the meeting was then adjourned.

J. WILSON POUCHER, Secretary.

OCTOBER 19, 1922
AT VASSAR INSTITUTE

The regular semi-annual meeting of the Dutchess County Historical Society was held Thursday, October 19th, 1922 at Vassar Institute, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., at eleven A. M.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and a report on the Pilgrimage given. The Secretary also reported as having received, in the name of the Dutchess County Historical Society, an invitation from Chancellor Livingston Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, to be present at the unveiling of a bronze tablet to mark the crossing of the King's Highway and the Ulster and Salisbury Turnpike at Beekman Square, Rhinebeck, N. Y., on Saturday afternoon, October 28th, 1922 at three o'clock. A committee was appointed to represent the Society at the unveiling exercises, consisting of President Adams, Mrs. Newbold, Mr. Merritt, Dr. Lyall and Dr. Poucher. It was also requested that as many members as possible attend on that date. The secretary was requested to send a note of acceptance to Mrs. de Laporte, Regent.

Mr. Mylod reported on a trip to Albany with Miss Reynolds. A full report will be given later, by Miss Reynolds.

Dr. Lyall reported slight progress on Memorial Building committee.

Rev. Dr. Herge spoke on building a Memorial building at Fishkill Village, in the form of a Community Building. Dr. Lyall moved action be referred to Executive Committee to be acted upon at a meeting in November.

The following new members were elected: Dr. Elizabeth Thelberg, Vassar College; Mrs. George W. Merritt,

My

Dear Mrs. Laporte, June 21. 1872.

Pray do not trouble yourself on any account if you

Mr. Readwell

Please to write me if you know or hear of any
woman we can hire who can make rolls suit —

I have taken the liberty to request Mr. Store
Cutter in Laramie who is making a Tomb Stone for my
father's grave to leave it in your care — will you be
so good if it comes to have it set inside of the Church
yard in a safe place let me know — Capt. Store, he
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Paris - France, June 21. 1844

Permit me to trouble you and enquire if you
do not know where we can hire a good woman to
do house work - either white or black preferring a
white one & one of 30 or 40 yrs of age - we want one
who understands baking, churning - washing & cooking &c
- we have a little girl besides to help in the house -
Since my little girl left us we have had much trouble
in getting kitchen help that was good & steady -
Perhaps you may know of some good steady person
of this description in or about your village who would
come - the usual wages here for such work is 6/
per week - at least that is the most we have ever been
asked - & the last winter we had a good old black
woman for 4 - or 5 - weeks -

If you should want money from the Van
Buren school I expect you can get it on any terms - they
have I understand a very considerable sum on hand
not let a moment slip - I am, Sir, your obedient servant

Yours truly
J. R. Riddell

Please to write me if you know or hear of any
woman we can hire who you think will suit us -

I have taken the liberty to request Mr. Stone
Cutter in America who is making a Tomb Stone for my
father's grave to leave it in your care - will you be
so good if it comes to have it set inside of the Church
yard in a safe place let me know - Capt. May, he
will have it put by the grave -



Millbrook, N. Y.; Mrs. Stephen H. Cutler, Millbrook, N. Y.; Mrs. H. D. Mac Kenzie, Millbrook, N. Y.; Mrs. George L. Osborne, Millbrook, N. Y., and Mrs. F. H. Lacy, South Road, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

The meeting adjourned to the Nelson House for luncheon, after which the members enjoyed most interesting talks by Dr. Thelberg of Vassar College and Judge G. D. B. Hasbrouck of Kingston, N. Y.

Among the total attendance of forty members were Mr. Stuyvesant Fish, Vice-President of the Putnam County Historical Society, and its Secretary, Miss Mary H. Haldane and Judge G. D. B. Hasbrouck, as out of town guests.

At the close of the luncheon, President Adams informed Mr. Stuyvesant Fish that he had been unanimously elected as honorary member of the Society. Mr. Fish accepted in a very gracious little speech.

J. WILSON POUCHER, Secretary.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 1922 AT THE AMRITA CLUB

The Trustees of the Dutchess County Historical Society met Tuesday, November 28th, 1922, at the Amrita Club, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., at 12 o'clock.

Those present were: Mr. Henry Booth, Mr. George Van Vliet, Mr. John J. Mylod, Dr. Irving Le Roy and Dr. Poucher.

General affairs of the Society were discussed.

Twenty-four new members were elected: Miss Marion Dutcher, Miss Anna Sleight, Mrs. Frank Van Kleeck, Mr. Henry P. Titus, Mr. Raymond Guernsey, Mr. Charles A. Hopkins, Mr. Earl Hawley, Mr. George Worrall, Mr. Ronald F. Bogle, Mr. Philip A. Mylod and Mr. George W. Krieger, Jr., all of Poughkeepsie; Miss Laura Myatt and Mr. E. Darwin Morse, of Amenia; Dr. and Mrs. R. H.

Breed, of Wappingers Falls; Mr. John M. Ham, of Millbrook; Mr. J. Gerow Dutches, Pawling; and Mr. John Peter De Windt, of 40 Wall Street, New York City; also Herbert Pinkham, W. D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Wilber, Dr. Herge, of Fishkill Village and Mr. R. Coe.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13th, 1923

AT THE AMRITA CLUB

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dutchess County Historical Society was held Tuesday, March 13th, 1923, at the Amrita Club, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., at 12 o'clock.

Present: President Adams, Mr. Henry Booth, Dr. Le Roy, Miss Helen W. Reynolds and Dr. Poucher.

The following were elected to membership: Mrs. James McLane and Miss Alice McLane, of Millbrook, N. Y.; Mrs. Morgan Carpenter, Pine Plains, N. Y., and Mr. John E. Mack, Arlington, N. Y.

Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Morris P. Ferris, of Hempstead, New York, offering to give the Society a map of the Village of Poughkeepsie, 1831, if the society had a proper place to keep it. Accepted and Secretary requested to send Mrs. Ferris a letter of thanks.

Miss Lois Allerton, Newark, New York, presented to the Society an original notice to Members of Poughkeepsie Military Company to assemble for the reception to General La Fayette, upon his visit to Poughkeepsie. Received with thanks and ordered suitably framed for preservation. Secretary to send letter of thanks to Miss Allerton.

Treasurer reported bills all paid and a nice balance in the bank.

Plans for 1923 Pilgrimage and Year Book were discussed.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned.

J. WILSON POUCHER, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th, 1923
AT VASSAR INSTITUTE

The annual spring meeting of the Dutchess County Historical Society was held at Vassar Institute, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on Wednesday, May 17th, 1923, President Adams presiding.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved after which the Treasurer reported a balance of \$561.30 after payment of all bills.

Miss Helen Reynolds of the Committee on preservation of Colonial and Revolutionary records reported that a satisfactory arrangement had been made for their care and preservation in the Court House.

Mrs. Theodore de Laporte was appointed Chairman of Committee for 1923 Year Book, with power to appoint her assistants on the Committee.

The annual Pilgrimage was discussed at length. Several plans were suggested by members. Miss Reynolds called attention to the fact that this year was the centennial of the birth of Chancellor James Kent, which was to be celebrated June 4th, 1923 by Columbia University where he was first Professor of Law and also by the Dutchess County Bar Association and that it might be appropriate for the Society to join in some manner either in its pilgrimage or by a delegation. Finally the following committee was appointed with power: Hon. Frank Hasbrouck, Mr. J. Adams Brown, Hon. Samuel K. Philips, Prof. James Baldwin and the Secretary.

A committee was appointed by the President to report upon the rumored restoration of the Verplanck House consisting of Hon. S. K. Philips, Mr. J. J. Mylod, Mr. Wilson Carpenter, Mr. Douglas Merritt and also Mr. Verplanck.

Mr. Glass read a very interesting sketch of an old Colonial house which stands near the Hudson River, just below New Hamburg.

The Secretary reported upon the presentation of a portrait of the Dutchess of York by the Dutchess County Historical Society to the Dutchess County Society on the occasion of its annual dinner in New York City.

Mr. Wm. P. Verplanck offered a resolution of condolence on the deaths of Mr. Stuyvesant Fish, Mr. I. R. Adriance, Rev. Dr. Lyall and Mr. Robert B. Radcliffe. Seconded and adopted.

Mr. Brinckerhoff asked that members render whatever assistance possible especially of an educational value to the Boy Scouts on their hikes about Dutchess County. Mr. Brinckerhoff, Mr. J. J. Mylod and Dr. Newton were made a committee in this relation.

Mr. Mylod spoke on Josiah Quimby.

The Secretary requested members to send him any information of any old Colonial houses, churches or other buildings in their neighborhood.

Professor Baldwin spoke concerning the uncertain wording of certain of our history text books, and urged the adoption of the following preamble and resolution which had been adopted by the Association of History Teachers held May 5, 1923 at Teachers' College, Columbia University. Miss Helen Reynolds seconded the resolution which was unanimously carried.

"WHEREAS there has come to the attention of this Association and its members the existence of considerable agitation in some of the newspaper press and elsewhere on the subject of the teaching of American history in the schools which has tended to reflect on the patriotism and intelligence of the teachers of history;

"WHEREAS this agitation has in many cases been largely carried on by persons little conversant with the fundamental sources of American history, who have garbled the wording and intention of certain history textbooks so as to make them appear unpatriotic;

"WHEREAS this Association feels that the object of the teaching of history is to give a truthful picture of the past with due regard to the age of the pupils for whom the work is intended; that the truth should not be distorted for any purpose whatsoever and that both sides of a controversial question should be adequately presented from an academic point of view so that students of history shall be trained

in the habits of open minded tolerance so as to prevent narrow minded bigotry and prejudice.

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Association go on record as deploring an agitation based on either ignorance or malice, or which has for its object the promotion of animosities between classes or nations; that this Association lend its influence to defeat the attempts made to get legislatures to write into the statutes the content of courses in history and the social sciences; that the proper place for determining such content is with the state and local educational authorities, and that we deplore the publicity that has been given this agitation as being both pernicious in its effect upon the training of our young American citizens and destructive of sound scholarship;

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of this Association send copies of these resolutions to other associations of teachers of history and the social sciences requesting them to take similar action."

Thirteen new members were elected: Dr. D. H. Mac Kenzie, Millbrook, N. Y.; Dr. H. K. Du Bois, Port Orange, Florida; Mr. J. H. Du Bois, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Julia and Miss S. Dorisa Carpenter, Shekomeko, N. Y.; Miss Helen A. Waldo and Mr. John B. Waldo, Hopewell Junction, N. Y.; Miss Mary B. Sabin, New York City; Dr. and Mrs. John Newton Boyce, Miss Marguerite Adriance and Miss Lawton, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; also Mrs. Louis Gillette, of Beacon, N. Y.

Election of officers being announced, Dr. Newton moved that the Secretary be directed to cast one ballot for the re-election of all the retiring officers. The Secretary announced that he had cast one ballot for the following:

Mr. W. P. Adams, President.

J. Wilson Poucher, Elective Executive Secretary.

Irving D. Le Roy, Treasurer.

Henry Booth, Curator.

Henry Booth and Irving D. Le Roy, Trustees.

The remaining Trustees are: John J. Mylod, George S. Van Vliet and Alexander C. Dow, whose terms expire in

1924; Tracy Dows, Mrs. Kaley and Dr. Poucher, whose terms expire in 1925.

The Vice-Presidents elected were:

Amenia—Major J. E. Spingarn.
Beekman—Jacob Brill.
City of Beacon—Hon. S. K. Phillips.
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Dover—Hon. John A. Hanna.
East Fishkill—William E. Verplanck.
Fishkill—Benjamin Hammond.
Hyde Park—Hon. Thomas Newbold.
La Grange—Joseph H. Van Wyck.
Milan—John P. Fulton.
North East—David Dempsey.
Pawling—Miss Martha Taber.
Pine Plains—
Pleasant Valley—J. Adams Brown.
Town of Poughkeepsie—Everett P. Wheeler.
City of Poughkeepsie—John S. Wilson, M. D.
Red Hook—William S. Massonneau.
Rhinebeck—Douglas Merritt.
Stanford—Wilson Carpenter.
Wappingers—W. Willis Reese.
Washington—Silas Wodell.

The Society then adjourned to the Nelson House for lunch. Here the seventy-three members present enjoyed a pleasant social hour. President Adams introduced Hon. Hamilton Fish, who entertained the Society by an account of the visit of General La Fayette to Poughkeepsie and vicinity in 1831.

Mr. Walter C. Anthony, of Newburgh, for many years president of the Orange County Historical Society, entertained us with a very interesting account of historical matters in Orange County.

J. WILSON POUCHER, Secretary.



Old Colonial House on the Hudson near New Hamburg

An Old Colonial House on the Hudson

A short distance below Wappingers Creek where it flows into the Hudson at the foot of a lane that leads to the Lovilland Spencer mansion stands an old Colonial house. It is in full view of the river hardly a stone's throw from the water's edge where the ebb and flow of the river tides lap the sandy shore. To the casual observer it is of little interest but if you are an American with patriotic blood in your veins and a loving reverence for the landmarks of your ancestors it will at once engage your attention and fill you with a desire to learn something of its early history. According to tradition the building was erected before the Declaration of Independence gave birth to the Nation, by whom, history has failed to chronicle. The house is built in the old Dutch style of architecture prevalent in those days with a peaked roof and with eaves that project over the front and form a broad and inviting piazza which commands a beautiful view of the Hudson. The house itself is constructed of Stone except the gables which are of brick, plastered with stucco. Small pieces have from time to time dropped off leaving the inner surface exposed, the result of time's gentle but wasting touch. The wind and storms of a hundred and seventy years or more have beaten against its sides. Still it is in a good state of preservation. Small windows with panes of glass 7x9 inches with sash unusually heavy, pierce the walls. Entrance to the house is had through two doors in front which open into large rooms with low ceilings and high wooden mantles with closets on either side of the Dutch pattern. The general appearance of the house conveys the impression that it has a story to relate according to the best authority and as related by some of the most trustworthy descendants of the old Dutchess county families long since passed away. When Sir James Wallace sailed up the Hudson with his fleet of gunboats devastating its shores and terrorizing the inhabitants along the waterfront, he made a target of the old house but the solid American masonry withstood the attack of British balls which did little damage. Another relic of that struggle for liberty escaped destruction to remind us of the days when patriots fought and died to vindicate the rights of humanity. A little southeast of the house on an elevation known as Vail's ridge, members of the Hughson family, Mrs. William John and Lovegood Hughson, had gone hither to spy on the enemy. When the British fired on the old house many of the balls went wide of the mark, one falling within a short distance of the trio which was afterwards recovered and remained in the family until fifty years ago, when it was sold to a junkman.

Miss Belinda De Lavergne, to whom I am indebted for this information, is a relative of the Hughson family from which Hughsonville derived its name. When I interviewed her, she was eighty-seven years old and her memory and faculties were unimpaired. A few rods below the house are the remains of an old dock long since passed into disuse. Before the waterfront at New Hamburg was improved it was the landing place for passengers and freight consigned to Wappingers Falls. In those days a prosperous freighting business was carried on by means of sloops which plied between here and New York carrying the produce from the surrounding country while packet sloops conveyed passengers to their places of destination. The Clermont, Robert Fulton's first steamboat, also landed here on her regular trips from New York to Albany. The advent of the Hudson River railroad and larger and more commodious steamboats made it unprofitable to continue the business and it was abandoned as a freighting place.

CHARLES B. GLASS.

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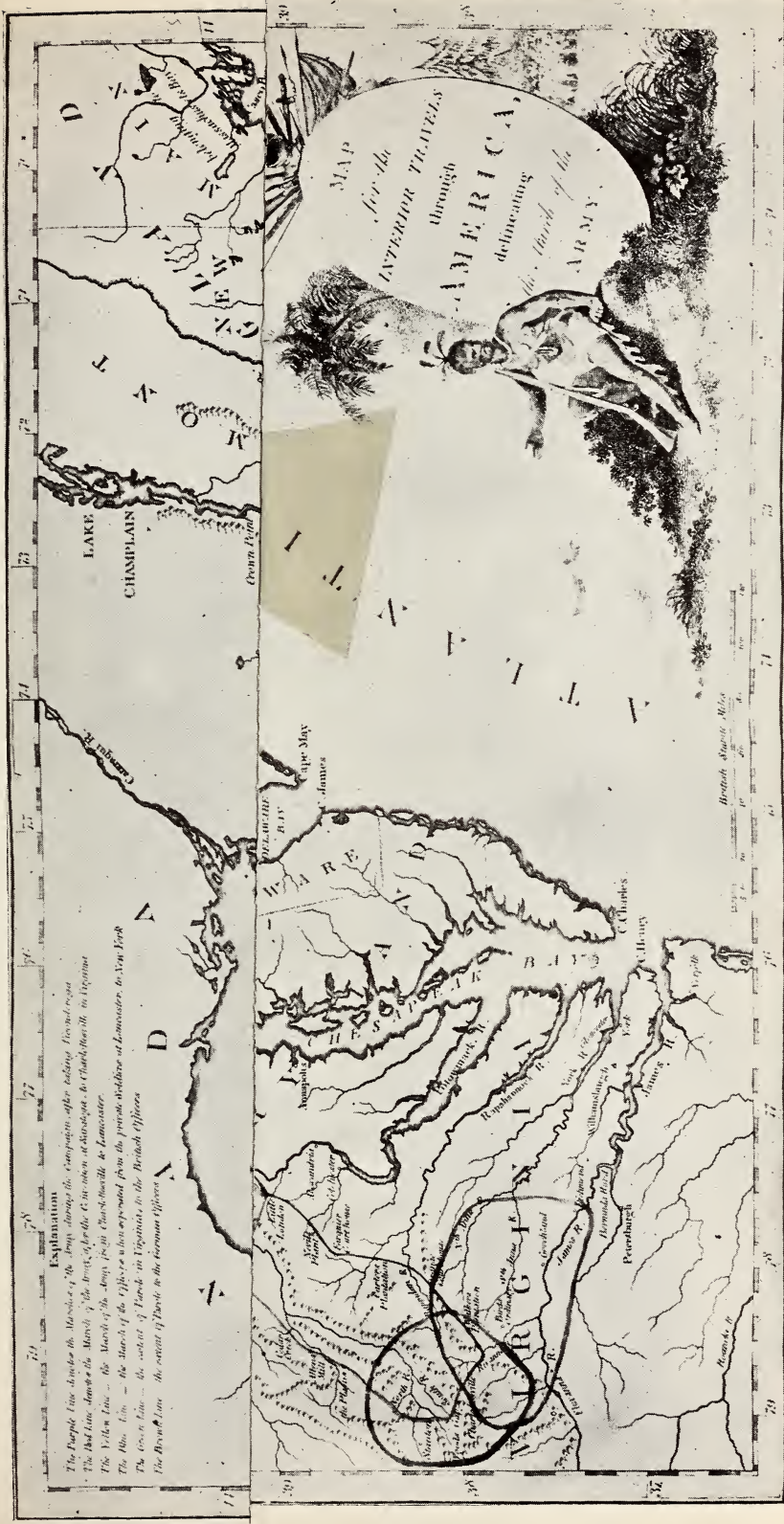
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Sometime of Dutchess County

Helen Wilkinson Reynolds

About the Honorable James Kent, Chancellor of New York, author of *Commentaries on American Law*, distinguished citizen of New York State and outstanding figure in the country at large, many columns have appeared in print of late, occasioned by the celebration at Columbia University on June 4, 1923, of the centennial of the Chancellor's membership in the university faculty as professor of law. With the record of official positions held by Kent, with his public services through those channels, these present lines are not concerned. The legal profession can best estimate their value, the national historian orientate them. It is with James Kent, the man, that the Dutchess County Historical Society is concerned, for it was in connection with his life in Dutchess County that the charm and magnetism of his personality were conspicuously exhibited.

In his early years the youth who ultimately became the famous lawyer formed the custom of keeping a diary, filing letters and memoranda and taking notes methodically and he left behind him when he died a large collection of books and papers. Based on those original documents his great grandson, Mr. William Kent of Tuxedo Park, New York, published in 1898 the *Memoirs and Letters of Chancellor Kent*, a delightful biography, filled with quotations of the words of Kent himself in regard to his home and family, his studies and his profession, and the book reveals clearly the personal character and tastes of the man within the jurist. In 1904 Messrs. William Kent and Edwin C. Kent of Tuxedo Park deposited in the Library of Congress many hundreds of the Chancellor's private papers, which have since been arranged and made available for study. It is probably safe to assume that these data have never been thoroughly examined for the sole purpose of learning the side-lights they throw upon men and affairs in Dutchess County in the post-Revolutionary period and they undoubtedly would yield to such an examination numerous significant items. One such item occurs in a letter (quoted in the *Memoirs*) written by Kent in 1847 to William B. Reed, where he says: "In 1781 I left college and was placed as a law-student at Poughkeepsie, in the office of Mr. Benson, then Attorney-General of

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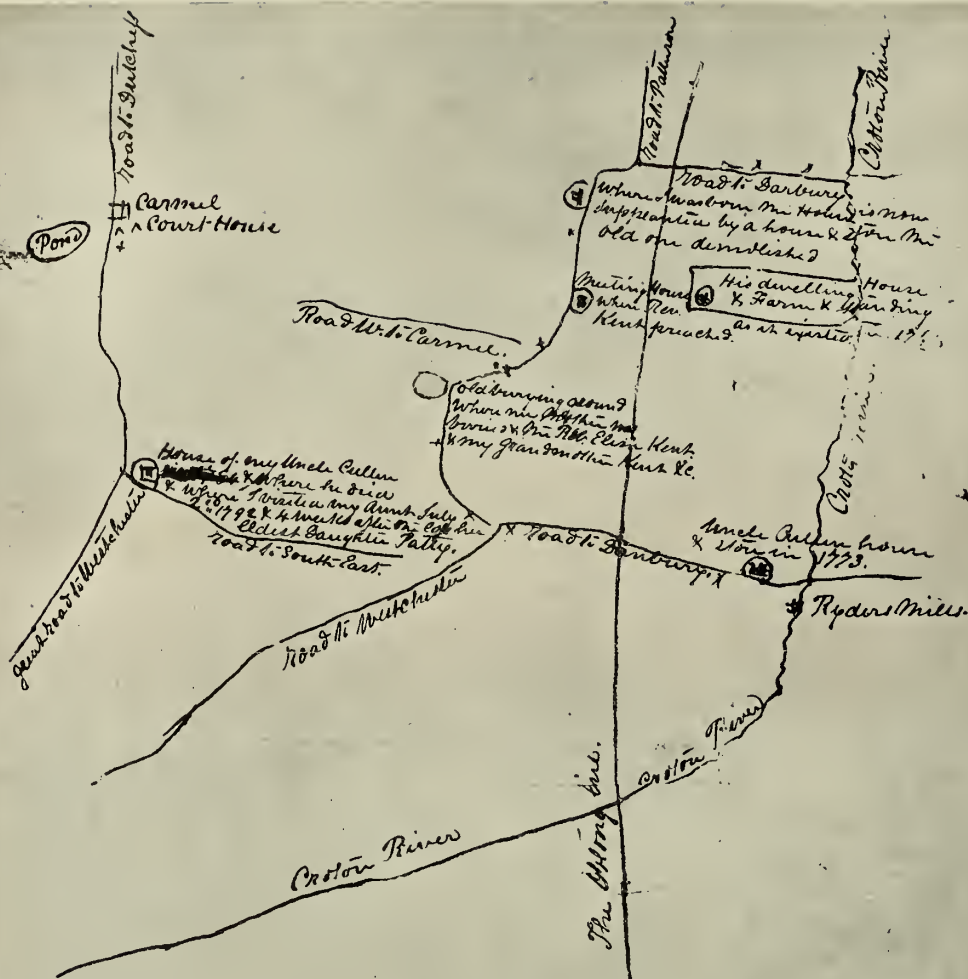
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In 1782 I read Smollett's *History of England*, and procured at a farmer's house where I boarded Rapin's *History* (huge folio), and read it through; and I found during the course of the last summer, among my papers, my ms. abridgment of Rapin's dissertation on the laws and customs of the Anglo-Saxons. I abridged Hale's *History of the Common Laws* and the old Books of Practice, and read parts of Blackstone again and again. The same year I procured Hume's *History*, and his profound reflections and admirable eloquence struck most deeply on my youthful mind. I extracted the most admired parts, and made several volumes of Mss." Again, he said: "I was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court in January, 1785, at the age of twenty-one, and then married, without one cent of property; for my education exhausted all my kind father's resources and left me in debt four hundred dollars, which took me two or three years to discharge. Why did I marry? I answer that, at the farmer's house where I boarded, one of his daughters, a little, modest, lovely girl of fourteen, gradually caught my attention and insensibly stole upon my affections, and, before I thought of love or knew what it was, I was most violently affected. I was twenty-one and my wife sixteen when we married, and that charming and lovely girl has been the idol and solace of my life and is now with me in my office, unconscious that I am writing this concerning her. We have both had uniform health and the most perfect and unalloyed domestic happiness and are both as well now and in as good spirits as when we married. On the 12th of April, 1785, I entered into partnership with Gilbert Livingston for twelve years, with liberty to remove out of Dutchess at any time after six years. The great and established run of business which he then had and my embarrassments and poverty rendered the connection necessary and advisable. I had now reached the age of twenty-one and the marriage state. I soon felt the salutary effects of business and after boarding a year and a half at my father-in-law's I had purchased and repaired and fitted a snug dwelling-house in town, to which I moved and began housekeeping the 10th of October, 1786."

In 1839 the Chancellor's diary records that: "We are reduced at present to the primitive state in which we began housekeeping in October, 1786. We had then no person with us but my brother and a servant girl, at fourteen shillings a month, and a little boy; * * *. But in 1786 we were young and buoyant and full of hopes and joys and love. Our house was very small and our furniture very scanty, but it was new and charmed us as elegant for that day; and my brother was a good helpmate and was willing and able to do anything. We lived neat and simple and snug and so I want to live now, with a cheaper establishment and a house of less size."

The year after Kent's admission to the bar he chanced to meet Edward Livingston, who read to him some passages from a pocket Horace, assuming that Kent understood the original. The latter, having forgotten much of his college classics, was, he writes, "stung with shame and mortification. I purchased immediately Horace and Virgil, a dictionary and grammar and a Greek lexicon and grammar and the Testament and formed my resolution, promptly and decidedly, to recover the lost languages. I studied in my little cottage mornings and devoted an hour to Greek and another to Latin, daily. I soon increased it to two for each tongue in the twenty-four hours. My acquaintance with the languages increased rapidly. * * * I purchased a French dictionary and grammar and began French and gave an hour to that language daily. I appropriated the business part of the day to law and read Coke on Littleton and made copious notes. I devoted evenings to English literature in company with my wife. * * * She inherited, not only a sound and vigorous mind, but the principles of correct taste and soon perceived the beauties and felt a relish for the pleasures of pure and elegant learning."

From 1786 until he left Poughkeepsie in 1793 Kent occupied himself in reading in the original the works of the best Greek, Latin and French writers and he stated that: "By the year 1793 I had become a master of the Latin and French languages and read the authors with facility. Few persons ever pursued classic studies with more pleasure and ardor than I did. They opened to me a world of learning, of happiness and of fame and I flattered myself I had discovered the true time of my most solid happiness and honor. I gradually adopted a method of dividing my time and adhered to it with the exactest punctuality. In the morning till half after eight I read Latin, then Greek until ten. Then I gave myself up to law or business until the afternoon and, after two hours attention to French, I concluded the rest of the day with some English author. This division of time has ripened with me into habit and I adhere to it in a great degree still. It enables me to do more reading than I otherwise could. * * * But I recall my recollections back to the period at which I commenced the independent and happy station of lord of my own fireside. Our house was small but neat and convenient. It impressed all who entered it with the image of domestic taste and felicity. I suspect that few persons have ever lived with more satisfaction than I did in my simple, snug and classic style at Poughkeepsie from October, 1786, to my removal to New York on the 27th of April, 1793."

In still another place he said: "When settled as a lawyer in Poughkeepsie in 1785 I remained in practise until I removed to New York in May, 1793. I was then a young and married housekeeper.

I owned one acre of ground and fitted up, in neat style for that day, a snug and endearing little cottage, and I cultivated an excellent garden and my income by practise did not reach on an average above \$500 a year. My wife was my young housekeeper, with only a servant girl for cook and everything else and all my furniture might have cost about \$250; but we lived as creditably and attractively as any persons in the village. My brother was my inmate and helpmate for the three years that he was a clerk in my office. * * * After he left me, Smith Thompson took his place as my clerk and served me faithfully for three years, or until about the time I removed to New York. He had been nominally educated at Princeton College and he kept an English school at Poughkeepsie before he joined my office. He was a plain, modest, sensible, ignorant, young man, with narrow views and anti-Federal politics. * * * The Federal Convention and the new Constitution and the discussions therein gave amazing impulse to my feelings and with an intensity of ardor I embarked in Federal politics and quite gained an ascendant in the local proceedings and discussions. I had General Bailey, who lived next door to me, and my partner, G. Livingston, and Thompson, my clerk, as controversial antagonists, and Judge Benson, then living at Poughkeepsie, as my patron and coadjutor. Jacob Radcliff, who studied with Judge Benson and settled as a lawyer at Red Hook, was a correct, sensible and respectable young lawyer and he and I became great political and professional friends. * * * I did very little business in the Supreme Court while I remained at Poughkeepsie. My practise was almost confined to County Court practise and to issuing writs to collect debts and to entering up judgments in the Supreme Court. I was not admitted into the Court of Chancery until after I removed to New York. My great occupation for the eight years of my settlement at Poughkeepsie was studying the classics, attending to quite inconsiderable county practice and conveyancing and studying Federal politics and reading all the histories and travels and poetry that I could lay my hands on and in devoting my leisure to my garden, to my lovely wife and to the nurturing and tending the blessed little daughter that I had at Poughkeepsie and carried with her mother to New York in 1793, where she died within four weeks after I got there, to my inexpressible grief. Hamilton became my idol very early in life. * * * It was a great blessing to me at Poughkeepsie to live adjoining Theodorus Bailey, for he had much better country patronage and practice and he got an ambitious desire to buy books, and such as I recommended, and I in that way got access to the best English authors and translations."

The occasion for James Kent's removal from Poughkeepsie arose in connection with his growing support of Federal politics. In the

election for the governorship of New York, when John Jay and George Clinton were the opposing candidates, certain votes cast for Jay (which would have elected him) were thrown out by the official canvassers and Clinton was declared elected. Feeling ran very strongly and a cleavage was created between Kent and his friends at Poughkeepsie (Gilbert Livingston, Theodorus Bailey, Judge Platt and others), who supported Clinton as warmly as Kent did Jay. "The partnership with Mr. Livingston had by this time become a heavy and mortifying burden," Kent later recorded, "and this was my principal inducement to quit Poughkeepsie. I carried with me to New York my wife, then in the splendor of her personal accomplishments; a lovely and precious little daughter of upwards of two years of age * * *; a small, well chosen library, scanty furniture and £100 in cash; leaving real property behind to the value of £200; and this was the total result of my eight years settlement at Poughkeepsie. But I owed nothing and came to the city with good character and with a scholar's reputation. I do not believe any human being ever lived with more pure and perfect domestic repose and simplicity and happiness than I did for those eight years."

And it was to Poughkeepsie that his thoughts turned at once when, in 1798, Kent was appointed to the office of a Justice of the Supreme Court. His *Memoranda* say this was "the happy mean of giving me opportunities to travel and to follow literary pursuits,* * *. By the acceptance of this office I renounced all my offices in New York, with all their accumulated income, and all my prospects of wealth, for a moderate but permanent support, for leisure to study, for more rural enjoyments and for a more dignified reputation. * * * In April, 1798, I removed to Poughkeepsie and found myself upon my ancient ground after an absence of five years. * * * No sooner had I settled myself at Poughkeepsie than I resumed my long lost acquaintance with the classic writers. * * * I perceived this year my love of home and my vivid and exclusive fondness and esteem for my wife to have received strength and addition." And elsewhere he added: "In February, 1798, I was offered by Governor Jay, and accepted, the office of youngest Judge of the Supreme Court. This was the summit of my ambition. My object was to retire back to Poughkeepsie and resume my studies and ride the circuits and inhale country air and enjoy *otium cum dignitate*. * * * In 1799 I was obliged to remove to Albany in order that I might not be too much from home."

The little cottage at Poughkeepsie, of which Chancellor Kent spoke so fondly, stood on its acre of ground, in the midst of its garden, on the north side of Main street, at the present numbers 337 et seq., immediately east of the Wallace Company store. The land (76 links in front and rear, and 13 chains, 18 links deep) was part

of lot number six in the partition of a portion of the original Van Kleeck farm, the partition, made in 1756, being recorded in the office of the Clerk of Dutchess County, liber 11, page 347. James Kent and Theodorus Bailey, together, on May 1, 1786, acquired lot number six giving a mortgage on it to Anne Maria Jay of Rye, N. Y., for £400. Egbert Benson joined Kent and Bailey in a bond to Miss Jay for £800, and the satisfaction of the mortgage was noted November 21, 1791. Miss Jay had previously held another mortgage on the property, given for £400 by Captain Israel Smith, May 1, 1785 (Melancthon Smith lending his name to his brother's bond), and it is to be supposed that Kent and Bailey assumed that incumbrance also, for it was not cancelled until February 10, 1788, at which time they were occupying the lot.

On August 4, 1789, Theodorus Bailey sold the east half of lot number six (a frontage on Main street of 76 links) to Myndert Van Kleeck and bought of the latter a parcel on the southeast corner of Market and Cannon streets, whither he presumably removed. In the *Eagle's History of Poughkeepsie* a local tradition is cited to the effect that Chancellor Kent, while in Poughkeepsie, had his law-office in a small building on Cannon street (next to the W. C. T. U.) which was torn down late in the nineteenth century. This may have been the case. He may have rented that little place from his brother-in-law, Mr. Bailey. But as yet no evidence has been produced to verify the tradition.

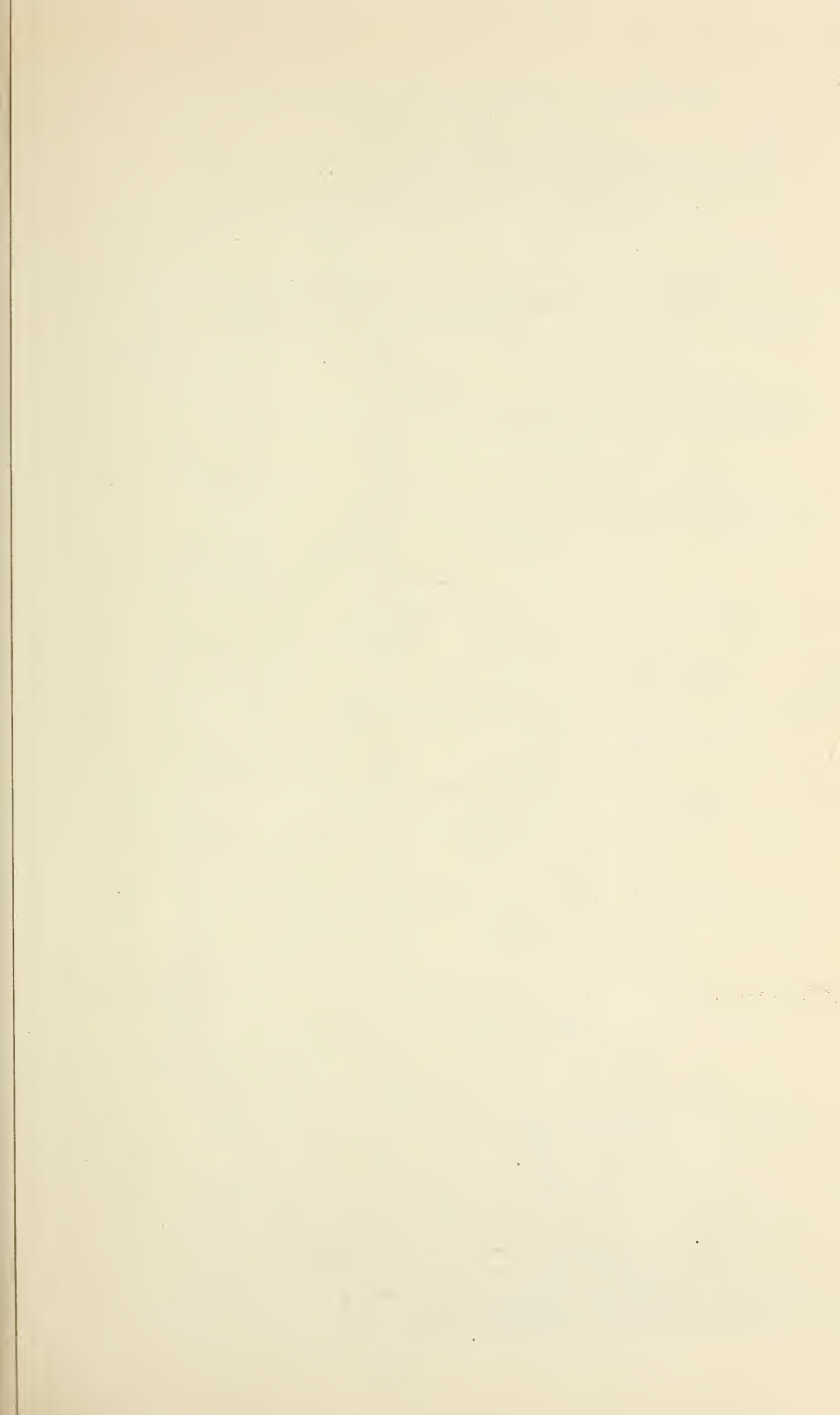
To be weighed against tradition is the known fact that Kent's partner in the practise of law, Gilbert Livingston (whose dwelling stood where Catherine street now joins Main), had his office on the north side of Main street, a bit east of Catherine street (map of Poughkeepsie, dated 1790, printed in the Year Book of the Society for 1922), and the question arises: why should Kent have had a separate office at a considerable distance from his partner's? In the *Memoirs* (page 120) the statement occurs that his office when he lived in Albany was his study in his own house, which might easily have been his arrangement at Poughkeepsie. The Chancellor's own words show how methodically he spent his time, reading and gardening at home, and he definitely accounts for himself as busily engaged in his own house for the greater part of each day. From Kent's little cottage to Livingston's office was but a step and it is difficult to see why he should have imposed upon himself the inconvenience of an office at Cannon and Market streets. That he transacted his business in his own house or with Mr. Livingston would seem much more probable.

Whatever uncertainty remains regarding the location of his law-office, none exists in connection with the Chancellor's loved fireside,

study and garden, where his happiest hours were spent and where his character, personal tastes and his moral values in life were vividly demonstrated.

As the members of this society walk Poughkeepsie's thoroughfare today, let them forget the present and picture for themselves the scene once set there. Gone are asphalt and gasoline, jostling crowds and discordant noises and lo! in their place, stately trees, lining a quiet roadway, sunshine and shadow playing upon detached dwellings, set in the midst of grass and flowers; and, in a modest cottage, a young man giving himself up to the pursuit of things unseen but eternal,—wisdom, learning, love and duty. Is not this vision a green oasis in a twentieth century desert and a reminder that life offers other and more enduring rewards than those of a merely material sort? It is because of his qualities as a man and a citizen and because of his devotion to the pleasures of the intellect that James Kent is remembered, while many contemporaries of his, more prosperous outwardly than he, are now forgotten.

Herein lies the significance for the Historical Society of the Kent Centennial and a tablet, placed in Main street on the site of the Chancellor's house and garden, would bear tribute to the essential meaning of his life and public career.



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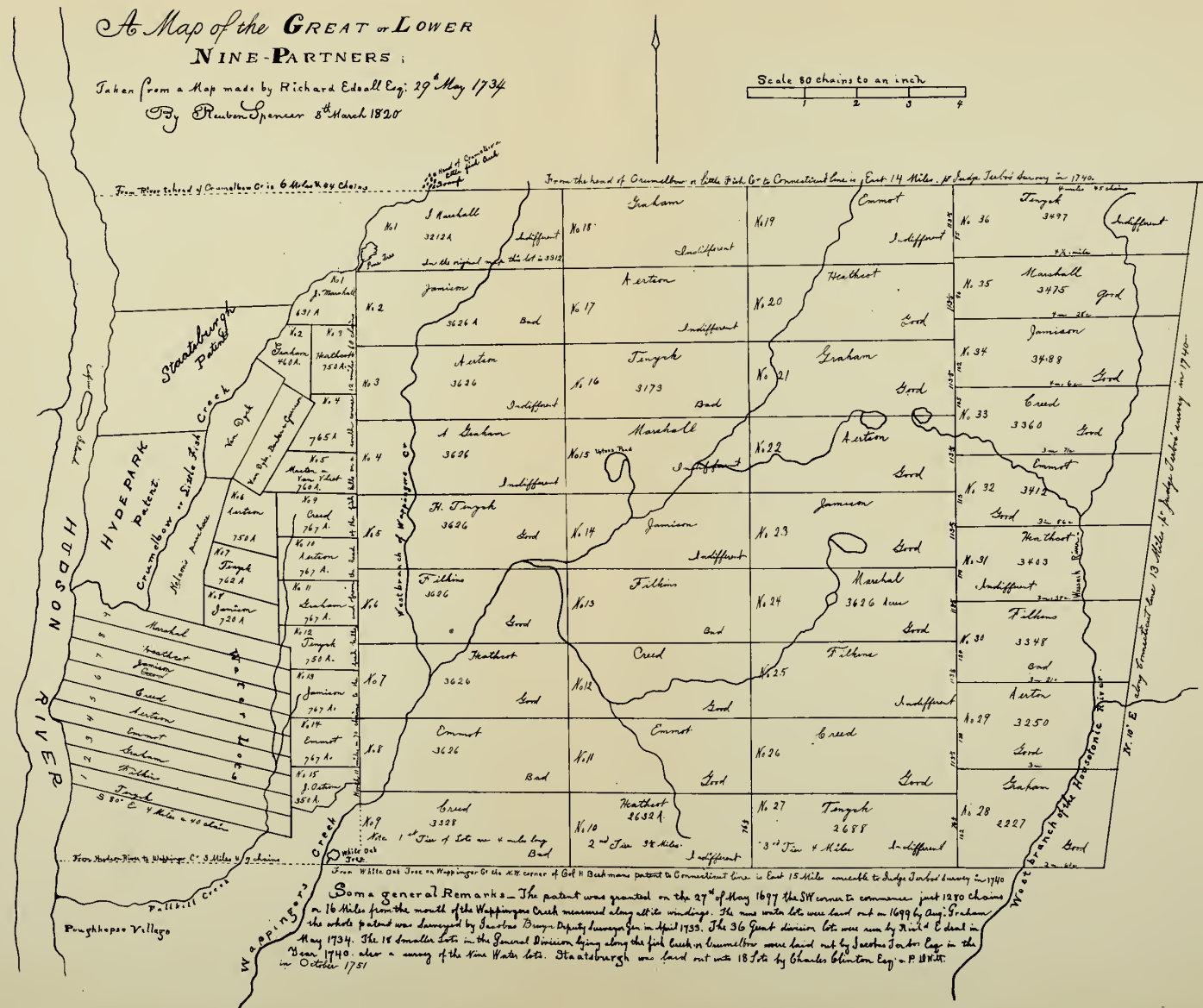
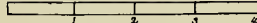
As the members of this society walk Poughkeepsie's thoroughfare today, let them forget the present and picture for themselves the scene once set there. Gone are asphalt and gasoline, jostling crowds and discordant noises and lo! in their place, stately trees, lining a quiet roadway, sunshine and shadow playing upon detached dwellings, set in the midst of grass and flowers; and, in a modest cottage, a young man giving himself up to the pursuit of things unseen but eternal,—wisdom, learning, love and duty. Is not this vision a green oasis in a twentieth century desert and a reminder that life offers other and more enduring rewards than those of a merely material sort? It is because of his qualities as a man and a citizen and because of his devotion to the pleasures of the intellect that James Kent is remembered, while many contemporaries of his, more prosperous outwardly than he, are now forgotten.

Herein lies the significance for the Historical Society of the Kent Centennial and a tablet, placed in Main street on the site of the Chancellor's house and garden, would bear tribute to the essential meaning of his life and public career.

Taken from a Map made by Richard Edsall Esq. 29th May 1734
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¹ Some general Remarks - The patent was granted on the 27th of May 1697 the SW corner to commence just 1280 chains
on 16 Miles from the mouth of the Happington Creek measured along all the windings. The NW corner was laid out in 1699 by Aug. St. John
who the patent was conveyed by Charles Byng, Deputy Surveyor Gen. in April 1753. The 36 Gent division lots were run by Dick & Deal in
May 1734. The 18 smaller lots in the General Division lying along the first Creek or Hummelton were laid out by Jacobus de Wit Esq. in the
Year 1740. also a survey of the Fine Water lots. Staatsburgh was laid out with 18 lots by Charles Clinton Esq. in P. M. 1741.
in October 1751

Deed of the Great Nine Partners

The following is a copy of the original Indian deed of the Great or Lower Nine Partners patent granted 27th May 1697 to Caleb Heathcote, Augustine Graham, James Emmot, John Aertson, Henry Filkins, Hendrick Ten Eyck, Jarvis Marshall, David Jamison and William Creed. The Indian deed releasing the rights of the Indians was not given until 1737 at which time all of the patentees except David Jamison were dead.

GEORGE S. VAN VLIET.

DEED

To all Christian People to whom these presents shall come, wee, the native Indian proprietors of Land in Dutche County, viz't, Acgans, Nimham, Ouracgacguis, Taquahamas, Seeck, Pecewyn, Mamany, Perpuwas, Sasaaacgua, Wasanamong, Arichapeckt, Narcarindt, Ayawatack, Sacayawa, Cekounamow, Seeck's son named Arye, Wappenas, Tintgeme, Naghcharent, Nonnaparee, Kindtquaw, Shawanachko, and Shawasquo and Tounis son of the said Shawask:

Whereas there was granted by patent under seal of the province of New York, bearing date the twenty-seventh day of May in the year sixteen hundred and ninety-seven, by Christian calculation, unto Colonel Caleb Heathcote, one of King William's Council for the province of New York, in America, in his lifetime, Major Augustus Graham in his lifetime, James Emmott in his lifetime, Lieu't Colonel Henry Filkin in his lifetime, David Jamison, Henryck Teneyck in his lifetime, John Aertson in his lifetime, William Creed in his lifetime, and Jarvis Marshall in his lifetime, a certain tract of vacant land, situate and being on Hudson's river, between the creek called by the natives Aquasing, and by the Christians by Fish Creek, at the markt trees of Pawling (including the said Creek) and the land of Meyndert Harmense and Company; then bounded southerly by said Land of Harmense & Company so farr as their bounds runns; then westerly by said land of Harmense and Company until a southerly line run so farr south until it comes to the southside of a certain meadow where in there is a white oak tree marked with the letters HT; then bounded southerly by an east and west line to the division line between this province of Newyork and Colony of Connecticuts, and so bounded easterly by the said division line & northerly by said Fish creek.

as farr as it goes & from the head thereof by a paralell line to the south bounds, running east and west to the said division line, with ith hereditaments & appurtenances,—to hold unto them, the said Caleb Heathcote, Augustus Graham, James Emott, Henry Filkin, David Jamison, Henrydeck Tenyck, John Aertson, William Creed, and Jarvis Marshall, their heirs and assigns, forever. NOW, know you, that wee, the native proprietors of said tract of land, for and in consideration of certain goods and merchandize, to us in hand paid or secured to be paid at & before the ensealing of this present writing, have given, granted, bargained, sold, released, and confirmed, and do by these presents give, grant, bargain, sell, release and confirm, unto the said David Jamison, the only surviving patentee of the said patent, and to the heirs, Exec's, & assignee or assignees of the other eight patentees, and to their respective heirs and assigns forever; and the said tract of land so patented as aforesaid, and all that our and every of our right & claim to the interest or demand whatsoever of, in, or to the said tract of land & every part & parcel thereof, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same tract of land and premises unto the said David Jamison, and the heirs, Exec's, assignee or assignees of the other patentees aforesaid, and to their respective heirs & assigns forever. IN WITNESS whereof we have hereunto put our hands and seals this Thirteenth day of October, in the year 1730.

Perpuwas	his mark
Sasaragua	her mark
Makerin	his mark
Memram	his mark
Shawanachko	his mark
Shawasquo	his mark
Tounis, Son of Shawasquo	his m.
Acgans	his mark
Nimham	his mark
Ouracgacguis	his mark
Taguahams	his mark
Seeck	his mark
Cocewyn	his mark
Mamany	his mark

Meeorandum—that the words “John Aertson,” between lines 8 & 9 from the bottom, & the words “do by these presents give, grant, bargain, sell, release and confirm,” between lines 6 & 7 from the bottom, were enterlined before sealing and delivery.

A rye, Seeck's Son	his mark
Wappenas	his mark
Tintgeme	her mark

Ayawatask	his mark
Nonnaparee	his mark
Kindtquaw	his mark

SEALED AND DELIVERED by Shawanachko and Shawasco, and Tounis his Son, in the presence of us.

Phillip Cortlandt,
John Crooke, Junior,
Robert Benson,
Lymon Arygier.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us.

Barant Vankleeck,
Tealk Tietsoort,
Frans La Roy,
Joseph Webb,
Henry Vanderburgh,
Jacobus V. D. Boogert,
The mark of H. O. Hendrick Ostrom,
The mark of X Jonas Scott.

On the back of the deed appears the following endorsements, showing that a not very high consideration was demanded for the property.

ENDORSEMENTS

Received the thirteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty, of and by the hands of Mr. Henry Filkins, for all the land in full formerly granted by Patent and now sold by an Indian Deed for and in consideration of certain sums of money, goods and merchandise, to the value of one hundred and fifty pounds, to us Acgans & Nimham, Principal Sachemache and Proprietors, in behalf of all the rest, in hand paid by Mr. Henry Filkins as aforesaid, for the use of Mr. David Jamison, the only surviving patentee of said patent and Indian Deed, and to the heirs Exec's, and assignee or assignees of the other eight patentees, and to their respective heirs and assigns forever, the said sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, being in full for the said tract of Land according to the Limitts and Bounds within mentioned as witness our hands and seals the day and year above mentioned, only excepting still the Whrits of some North Indians that are . . . which we since except.

The mark of Acgans,
Nimham, his mark.

Signed and sealed in the presence of us,

Henry Van Derburgh,
Barant Van Kleeck,
Frans La Roy,
Jacobus V. D. Boogert.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven, personally came and appeared before me, Philip Courtlandt, one of his Majesty's Council for the Province of New York, Shawanachko and Shawasquo, two of the Indians within named, and acknowledged the within Deed to be their and each of their Voluntary Act and Deed, and that they executed the same for the uses therein mentioned; and also confessed and declared that they had respectively received the goods following, to witt, the said Shawanachko three striped Blanketts, three Duffills Blanketts, four Dozen of pipes, ten knives, two Hatchets, one Strouds Blankett, six pounds of powder, ten pounds of lead, two white shirts, and One Gunn.

And the said Shawasquo seven striped Blanketts, seven Duffills Blankets, eight Dozen of pipes, twenty knives, five hatchets, one Strouds Blankett, eighteen pounds of powder, eighteen pounds of Lead, and one good gun, four white shirts, and one half barrel of strong beer, in full satisfaction of and for of consideration of their Respective shares, right and title of, in, and to the within Tract of Land—the words, “two white shirts” and “four white shirts” being interlined.

Phillip Cortlandt.

New York, October 20, 1922.

My dear Mr. Adams:

Let me thank you, and through you the Dutchess County Historical Society, for the honor done me yesterday, and particularly for the good time you gave us. Miss Haldane was most enthusiastic in her praises, and I must say I shared her enthusiasm.

The suggestion which I made, of a hike at some future time into Connecticut, should not interfere with the proposal to go into Ulster and Orange Counties. Let us first get our four river counties to know each other, or better say six, so as to include Rockland and Westchester; and having done so then let us make proposals to our friends in Connecticut. With regard to the latter, an interesting place, accessible to us in New York State, would be the old iron mines along the Housatonic, stretching from say Cornwall north to Salisbury. These as you know supplied much of the iron used in the Revolutionary War, and if I mistake not the first cannon cast in the United States during that war were made up there. There is something in Force's American Archives about this which I have not had time to look up; but I am very sure that the Litchfield County (Conn.) Historical Society have got it all written up.

We would only have to deal with two counties in Connecticut, Litchfield and Fairfield. Prior to the Revolutionary War the people of those counties had been pressing over into New York across the Oblong, and into the manorial lands of Livingston, Philipse, Van Cortlandt and others. After the war large parts of Philipse's confiscated estate (or to be exact Robinson's and Morris's who had married Philipse sisters) were taken up by settlers from Connecticut and the Eastern States. So also I doubt not they have bought a good deal of the land which the Van Cortlandts, Livingstons and others sold. That is to say we have in our eastern counties, Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester, a great deal of Connecticut and New England blood.

There is of course no hurry about this matter, and it is getting too late to arrange for a hike this season. Moreover we have next year, as said above, to get in touch with our New York neighbors on the other side of the river. Of the Orange County or to be exact Newburgh Society I have been a member for a good many years.

With renewed thanks,

Very sincerely yours,
STUYVESANT FISH.

William P. Adams, Esq.,
Red Hook, N. Y.

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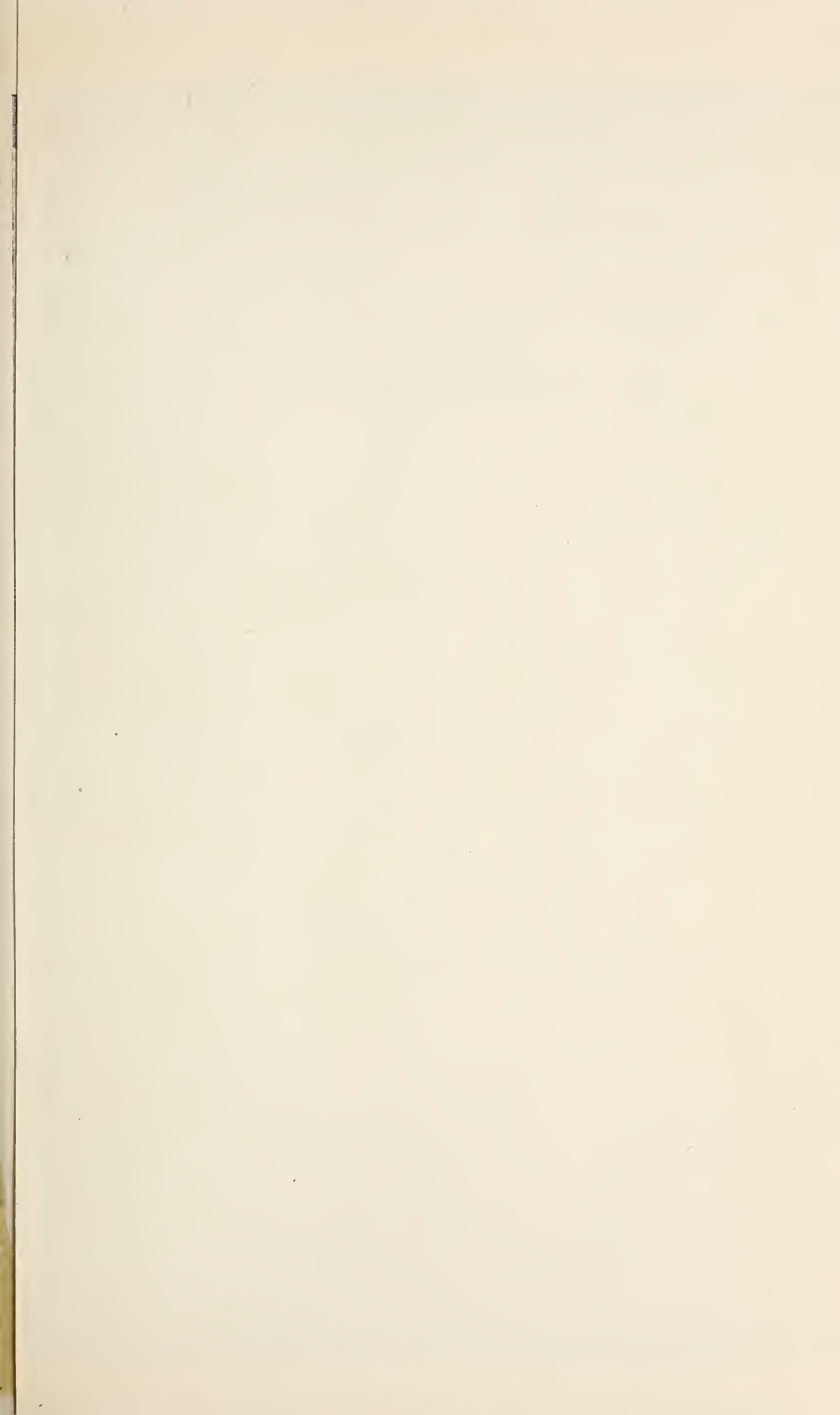
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What the varying fortunes of this small volume were from 1779 to 1923 there is now no means of knowing but the book is source-material of the first class and the committee is fortunate in being able to offer to the society an analysis of its make-up and contents. In size it is about eight and a quarter by six and a half inches and it is endorsed on the front cover: "No. 3 Council of Appointment Minutes." Within the cover are two sections, one detached, one sewed fast; the former consisting of thirty-six leaves (numbered by pages, one to thirty-six), and the latter of fifty-six leaves (one hundred and twelve pages, not numbered). Only the last three leaves (six unnumbered pages) are blank.

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1779). The minutes of fourteen meetings bear at their close the signatures of the attending members of the council.

At the meeting held on June 25, 1778, Jacobus Swartwout, Esq., was appointed Colonel Commandant of the militia of Dutchess County. Space is lacking to quote here in full the entries relating to the local military forces, (appointments appear for one hundred and eighty-six officers, with incidental references to others) but interesting civil appointments mentioned are:

April 4, 1778, Zephaniah Platt, Egbert Benson & Israel Thompson of Dutchess County to be Commissioners for Detecting and Defeating Conspiracies within the State.

June 16, 1778, Gilbert Livingston, Esq., to be Surrogate for the County of Dutchess.

August 18, 1778, Alexander Kidd and John Chamberlain to be Justices of the Peace in Dutchess.

August 18, 1778, John Jay, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New York; Robert Yates and John Sloss Hobart, puisne Justices of said Court; Ephriam Paine, Zephaniah Platt, Anthony Hoffman, Esquires, Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Dutchess; to be Justices of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery in and for Dutchess; Whereof the said John Jay or the said Robert Yates or John Sloss Hobart is always to be one.

March 6, 1779, Melancton Smith to be Sheriff of the County of Dutchess.

March 6, 1779, Jacobus Swartwout, Israel Thompson and Henry Livingston, Jr., to be Coroners for Dutchess.

April 22, 1779, Morris Graham, John Gaisly, John Platt, Thomas Nelson, George Freligh, John Sleght, William Van Wyck, Matthew Van Bunschoten, Lemuel Brush, Matthias B. Miller to be Justices of the Peace in Dutchess.

These citations from the minutes, regarding the action taken by the Council in connection with Dutchess, illustrate the nature of the information the minutes afford about affairs in other parts of the state and it is much to be desired that, at no distant day, the record should be printed in full for general public convenience.

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Entrance fee* \$2.00
Annual dues 2.00
Life membership 25.00

These payments carry with them the right to hold office, to vote and to take part in the proceedings of the society.

Annual dues are payable on January 1st of each year.



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I give and bequeath to the
DUTCHESS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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*By action of the Trustees in 1924, during the activities of a special membership committee, requirement of entrance fee was suspended.

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MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES

JUNE 19th, 1923

There was a meeting of Trustees of the Dutchess County Historical Society at the Amrita Club on June 19th, 1923 at which the Pilgrimage and Year Book Committees were present.

Present: W. P. Adams, Dr. I. D. LeRoy, Henry Booth, Prof. James F. Baldwin, John J. Mylod, Frank Hasbrouck, S. K. Phillips, Miss Helen W. Reynolds, Mrs. Theodore deLaporte, J. Adams Brown and Dr. J. Wilson Poucher.

President Adams read a letter from Mr. Verplanck offering to co-operate with this Society and other Societies in a plan to acquire the Verplanck place for historical or patriotic purposes. Dr. Poucher moved the society approve the plan. Carried. The President appointed Dr. Poucher, Mr. Booth and Judge Phillips a committee to act with other societies.

The subject of Dutchess County's part in the celebration of the 150th anniversary of events of the Revolutionary War was also brought before the meeting.

Mr. Adams read a letter from Mr. Stuyvesant Fish, expressing his pleasure in being elected an honorary member of the Society and suggesting a pilgrimage to Connecticut, to visit the historical spots there, especially the iron mines along the Housatonic River.

After some discussion Miss Reynolds moved that the Pilgrimage go to Ulster County, the route to be directed by the committee.

Mr. Booth asked permission to place books and maps of the Society in the Poughkeepsie Room in the Adriance Memorial Library. Granted.

The Year Book Committee (Miss Reynolds, Mrs. de Laporte and Dr. Poucher) reported progress and stated

that with the material at hand they expected an interesting volume.

Members elected were: Miss Mary G. Lewis, Annandale, N. Y., Miss Violet Barbour, and Miss Edith Roberts, both of Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Secretary.

MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES

SEPTEMBER 10, 1923

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Present: Mr. Booth, Mr. Mylod and Secretary.

In absence of a quorum, the only business transacted was the election of the following new members, subject to ratification of the Society, Mr. and Mrs. M. Glenn Folger, Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. Andrews, of Poughkeepsie; Miss Mary Van de Bogart of Red Hook, N. Y., Dr. T. J. Arnold, Pawling, N. Y., Mr. R. U. Delapenha, Rudco, N. Y., Mr. Elton G. Storm, Beacon, N. Y. and Miss Margaret DeM. Brown, Arlington, N. Y.

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Secretary.

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OCTOBER 18th, 1923

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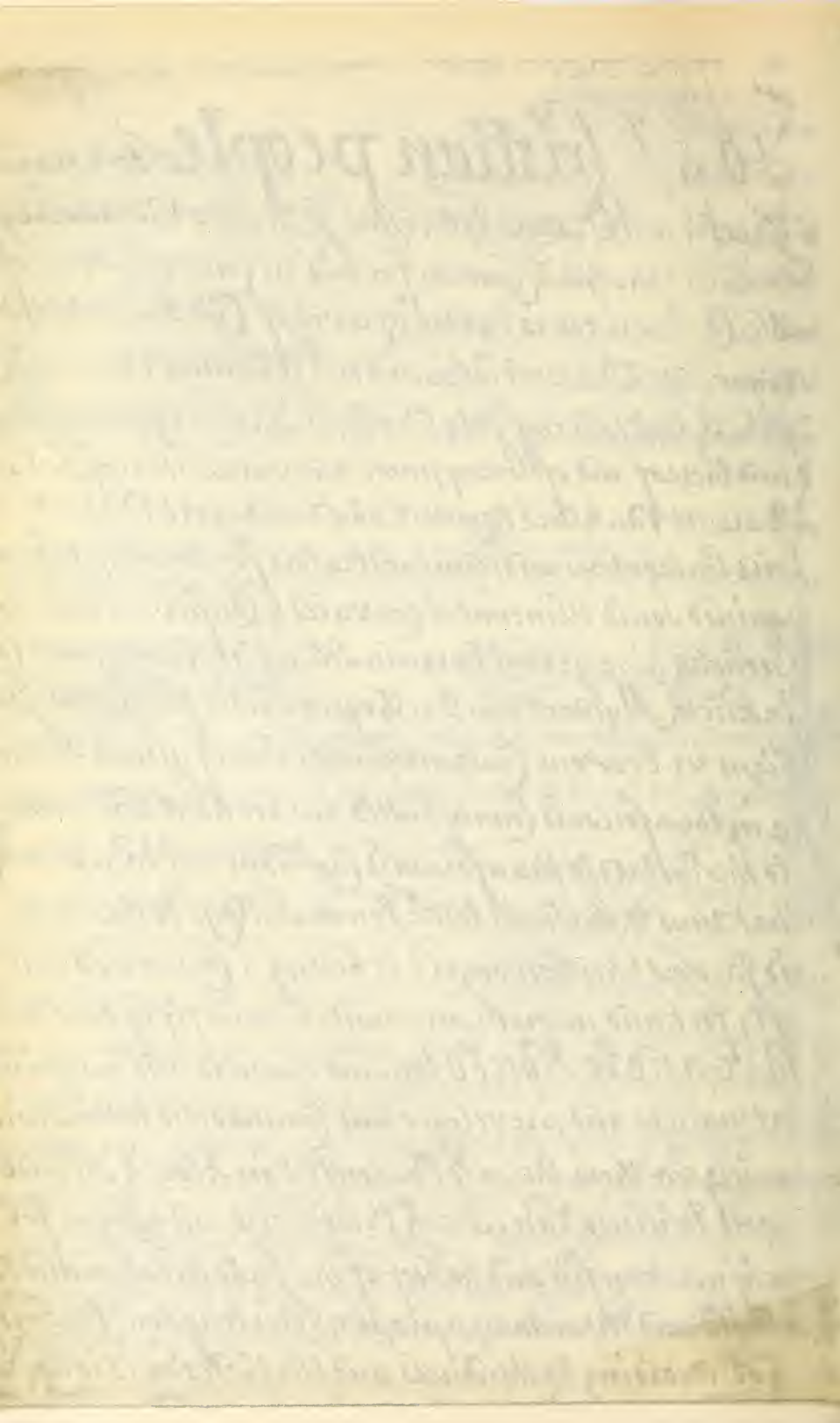
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 hand and seal this 20 Day of December in the year 1711
 Signed sealed and delivered
 In the presence of us
 Barent Van Kleeck
 Maryden Stenbergh
 Jacobus Van Den Bogert
 Dutchess County May the 6th Anno 1712
 When I appeared before me Leonard Lewis one of his Majesty's Justices of the
 Peace for the County of Dutchess and he declared that the within Instrument which
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 and the 20 day of August Anno 1718 for
 Van den Burch Clerk
 Leonard Lewis
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the Year Book Committee the completion of the Year Book. President Adams reported that the Daughters of Columbia County Historical Society holds its meetings on the same day as our Society and suggested that as several of our members were also members of that Society, it might be agreeable to change the date of our meeting. It was moved by Mr. Douglas Merritt, seconded by Dr. Wilson that the date of our meetings be changed to the third Friday in October and May, instead of the third Thursday. Carried.

The Secretary urged the members to get their friends to join the Society. Miss Reynolds also spoke of the desirability of increasing the membership and moved the appointment of a Membership Committee. President Adams afterward named as such committee: Miss Reynolds, Mr. F. D. Roosevelt, Mr. John J. Mylod, Miss F. E. Crouse, Mrs. Louis A. Gillett, Mrs. D. H. MacKenzie, Mr. W. Willis Reese, Miss Martha A. Taber, Mrs. Samuel Verplanck and the Secretary.

President Adams spoke on the late Stuyvesant Fish, our deceased honorary member.

Dr. Poucher moved that Miss Mary H. Haldane, Secretary of the Putnam County Historical Society, be made an Honorary Member of our Society. Seconded by several members. Carried. The Secretary moved the election of Judge G. D. B. Hasbrouck, of Kingston, Ex-President of the New York Historical Association to Honorary Membership, also seconded by several members and carried unanimously.

Miss Abel moved that the Society adopt a pennant to be carried by the members on their pilgrimages. Seconded and carried.

Miss Myra Avery spoke about Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson and moved that this Society aid in any way possible in its perpetuation.

The following new members were elected: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Vincent.

Mrs. Arthur DeGaris and Miss Laura J. Edwards of Millbrook; Miss Edna Van de Bogart of Red Hook, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore V. K. Swift, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Adriance, Miss Dorothy Adriance, Mrs. Carrie B. Bain, Mrs. Nellie Brittain, Theodore H. Miller, S. W. Raymond, Alexander Caven, Joseph A. Daughton, Francis W. Platt, Mrs. George Worrall, Mrs. George Waterman, Dr. Walter G. Ryon, Dr. Charles E. Lane, Dr. Henry A. Gribbon of Poughkeepsie, and Joseph L. Schwartz, of Yonkers, N. Y.

The Society then adjourned to the Nelson House where a luncheon was enjoyed by ninety-seven of its members. After luncheon President Adams introduced Mrs. Alton B. Parker, who delivered a very interesting and instructive address on "Women Patriots and Heroines of New York in the Revolution." After Mrs. Parker's address Honorable A. D. Flick, State Historian, was introduced to the Society. Dr. Flick talked to us on the importance of such Societies as ours and the work they are doing.

Secretary.

MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES

DECEMBER 22nd, 1923

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Dutchess County Historical Society was held at the Amrita Club, Saturday, December 22nd, 1923, at 12 o'clock.

Present: Mr. George S. Van Vliet, Henry Booth, John J. Mylod, Dr. I. D. LeRoy, Dr. J. Wilson Poucher, Mrs. Kaley and Miss Reynolds.

In the absence of President Adams, Mr. Van Vliet presided. Various subjects of interest to the Society were discussed.

Miss Reynolds of the Membership Committee outlined the plan for increasing the membership.

The following new members were elected: Dr. and Mrs. Vivian Downing, Arlington, N. Y.; Miss May Barlow,

Wappingers Falls, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. John Van Benschoten, Honorable John B. Grubb, Thomas M. Lynch, Lloyd E. Spoor, Cornelius W. Garrison, Mr. Charles S. Mitchell, Dr. and Mrs. H. Reed Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Robinson, Miss Ethel H. Elsworth and Miss Mary Johnston Elsworth of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary.

MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES

FEBRUARY 11th, 1924

The Trustees of the Dutchess County Historical Society met Monday, February 11th, 1924 at the Amrita Club, at 12 o'clock.

Present: Mr. Henry Booth, Mr. John Mylod, Mr. George S. Van Vliet, the Secretary and Miss Helen W. Reynolds, Chairman of the Special Membership Committee.

Miss Reynolds reported a fairly good result from the efforts of her committee so far. It was voted that during the life of this committee the requirement for an entrance fee should be suspended.

Miss Reynolds, Dr. Poucher and Mr. F. D. Roosevelt offered to publish "Old Grave Stones of Dutchess County," Miss Reynolds' "Poughkeepsie," both of which are in press and Mr. Roosevelt's forthcoming book on Hyde Park as part of the collections of the Dutchess County Historical Society. The offer was accepted with thanks.

The following sixty-eight new members were elected. Six life members as follows: Mrs. W. Willis Reese, Willis Livingston Mesier Reese of New Hamburg; Miss Jane G. Cooke, of Rhinebeck; Mrs. William Blodgett, of Fishkill; Mrs. E. dePeyster Hosmer, New York City and Mr. Lyman Delano, of Barrytown, N. Y. The annual members elected were: Mr. and Mrs. George D. Campbell, Mr. Charles McCann, Mr. Samuel Slee, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L.

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On motion, adjourned.

Secretary.

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APRIL 4th, 1924

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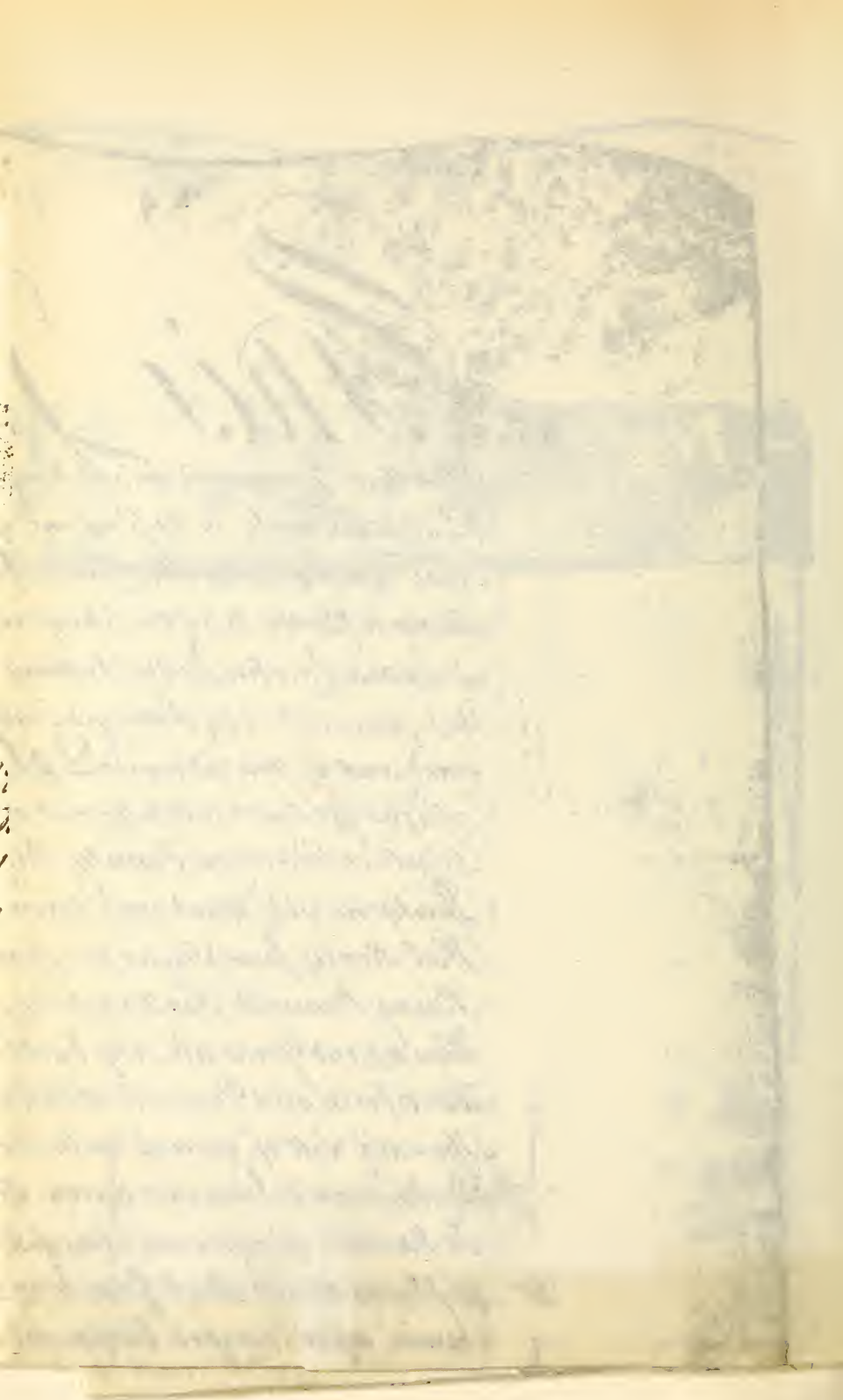
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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dutchess



County Historical Society was held at the Amrita Club, Friday, April 4th, 1924.

Present: President Adams, Henry Booth, George S. Van Vliet, John J. Mylod, Miss Helen W. Reynolds and the Secretary.

Various matters of interest to the Society were discussed.

The appointment of Miss Helen W. Reynolds and Dr. J. Wilson Poucher by the Mayor to represent the Society on the Committee for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the American Revolution was endorsed.

The following thirty-six new members were elected, two of whom were life members: Mr. Innis Young of "Locust Grove", Poughkeepsie, and Mr. George T. Bowdoin of New York City. Thirty-four annual members were: Miss Lena Jackman, Mr. James E. Lynch, Clarence J. Drake, Allen S. Reynolds, William Livingston Gellert, Edward Gellert, John R. Schwartz, Thomas W. Barrett, William N. Wettereau of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mr. Frederick Balander. of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Nash Spurling, Rhinebeck; Miss Lida Haight and Miss Katherine Field, Millbrook; Reverend Winfred R. Ackert, Mr. Brent W. Blythe, Mr. L. M. Boomer, New York City; Mrs. Walter Talbot, Mr. Frederick Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Schrader, Mrs. W. F. Sage, Mr. Thomas J. Hassett, Miss Edith Alden, Leonore Judson, Mrs. John W. Atwood, Miss Amy B. DuBois, Mrs. J. W. Corwin, Mrs. Henry W. Avis, Mr. E. D. Hewes, of Beacon; Morgan S. Vail, Stormville; Heloise Graham, Mrs. Evelyn Brinckerhoff Jones, Fishkill and Mrs. W. H. Pray, LaGrangeville, N. Y.

On motion, adjourned.

Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 16th, 1924

The Annual Meeting of the Dutchess County Historical Society was held at Vassar Brothers Institute, Friday,

May 16th, 1924; about one hundred members present.

After the reading of the minutes of the semi-annual meeting and the several Trustee meetings, the Society proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. The Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for William P. Adams for President. The other officers elected were three trustees for the full term of three years: John J. Mylod, George S. Van Vliet, Miss Helen W. Reynolds. For two years: Honorable Thomas Newbold, in place of Doctor J. Wilson Poucher, resigned. For one year: W. Willis Reese, in place of Mrs. John R. Kaley, resigned.

Secretary: Dr. J. Wilson Poucher.

Treasurer: Dr. Irving D. LeRoy.

Curator: Henry Booth.

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Town of Amenia:	Colonel Joel E. Spingarn
Town of Beekman:	Jacob Brill
City of Beacon:	Mrs. Samuel Verplanck
Town of Clinton:	Lewis Allen
Town of Dover:	John A. Hanna
Town of East Fishkill:	Honorable S. K. Phillips
Town of Fishkill:	William E. Verplanck
Town of Hyde Park:	Reverend E. P. Newton
Town of LaGrange:	Joseph H. Van Wyck
Town of Milan:	John P. Fulton
Town of North East:	Darwin Morse
Town of Pawling:	Miss Martha Taber
Town of Pine Plains:	
Town of Pleasant Valley:	J. Adams Brown
Town of Poughkeepsie:	Everett P. Wheeler
City of Poughkeepsie:	Dr. J. S. Wilson
Town of Red Hook:	William S. Massonneau
Town of Rhinebeck:	Douglas Merritt
Town of Stanford:	Wilson Carpenter
Town of Wappingers:	W. Willis Reese
Town of Washington:	Oakleigh Thorne
Town of Union Vale:	Mrs. R. Theodore Coe

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Albert A. Simpson, Miss Jane N. Lewis, Mrs. A. L. Peckham, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Brown, Mr. Helmus W. Barratt, Mr. William Bussing and Harry Nelson, of Poughkeepsie; Dr. Charles G. Kerley, Mr. Harry Conklin, Mr. Francis G. Landon, Mr. Francis R. Masters, Dr. Paul C. Duxbury, Mr. Conrad N. Pitcher, Mr. Norman Sherow, Mr. Henry W. Rogers, Mr. William C. Reynolds, A. B. Ostrander, of New York; Mr. Lewis H. Losee, of Brooklyn; Mr. William B. Dinsmore and Mr. Gerald L. Hoyt of Staatsburg; Miss Marguerite Thompson, Annandale; Mrs. John Van Houten, of Beacon; Mr. Levi Hasbrouck, Ogdensburgh, New York; Miss Louise Dean, Red Hook; Mrs. Elizabeth S. Hoag, Wingdale; Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, V. R. Weyant, Hyde Park; Dr. E. R. Richie, of Brewster, N. Y.

Resignations of Mr. John H. Cusack of Poughkeepsie; Mr. George Lovelace, Pleasant Valley; Mrs. Arthur B. Culver, Amenia; and Louis Rosenkranz, of Rhinebeck. New York, were announced by the Secretary.

The Secretary reported that the following members had died during the past year: Mr. I. Reynolds Adriance, Mr. Sanford D. Stockton and Mr. Samuel Slee, of Poughkeepsie; the Reverend J. E. Lyall, South Millbrook; Miss Sarah Herrick, Salt Point; Mr. Charles B. Glass, Chelsea; and Mrs. Wilham Blodgett, of Fishkill, New York.

Treasurer LeRoy reported on the condition of the Treasury. Report ordered filed and is appended to the minutes. Yearly compensation of Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer was made thirty dollars each.

President Adams appointed Mrs. Theodore deLaporte chairman of the Year Book Committee, to elect her own associates.

For the Pilgrimage Committee, George S. Van Vliet was appointed chairman, also to select his own associates.

The Society then adjourned to the Nelson House where one hundred and six members enjoyed a social time at luncheon. President Adams introduced the Honorable

Edmund Platt, who spoke briefly of Washington and the developments along the Potomac.

Miss Helen W. Reynolds told the members present the story of her search which led to the discovery of material from which she produced her very valuable monograph, "Poughkeepsie", and a lot of other material, from which we hope in the very near future still another book filled with matters just as interesting to the student of history as is "Poughkeepsie", will be written.

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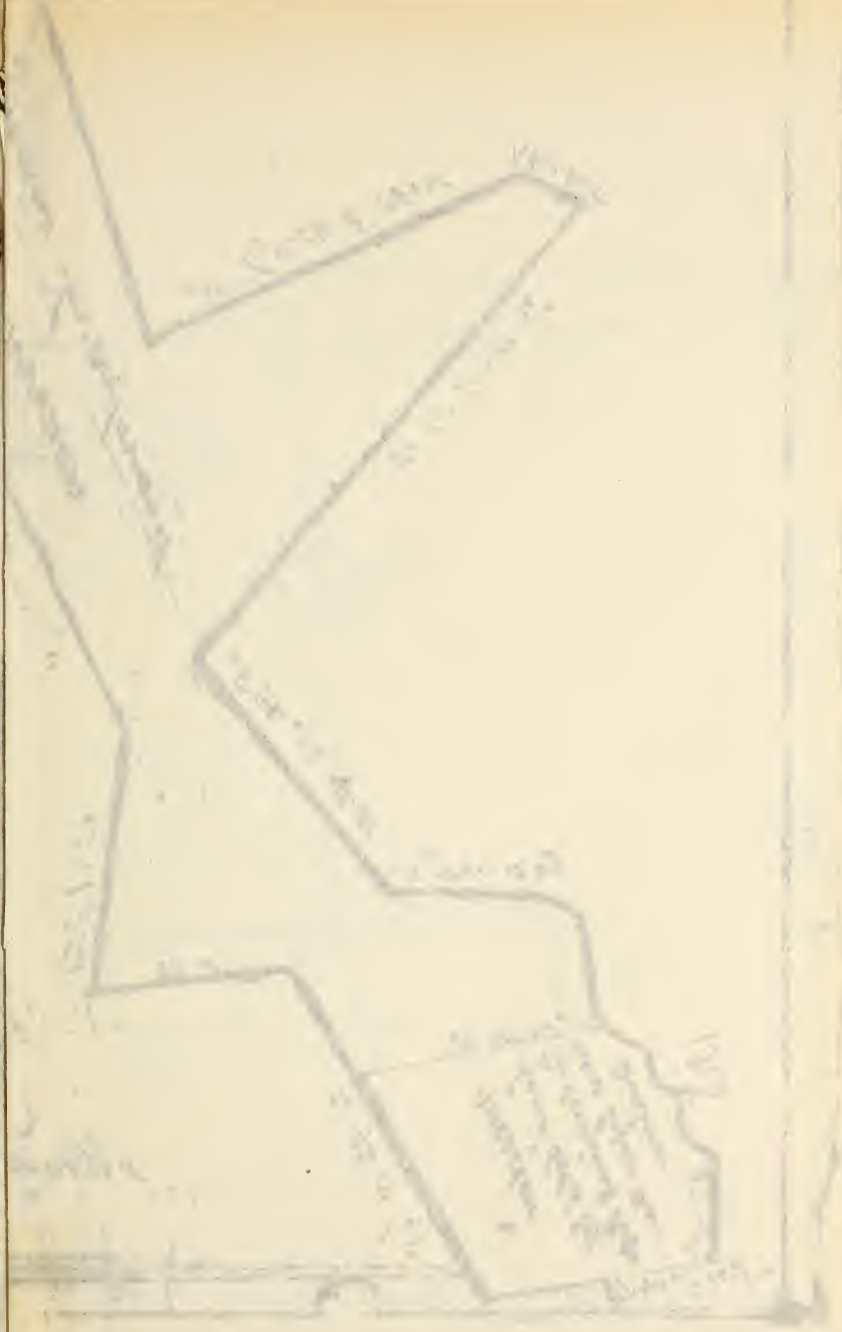
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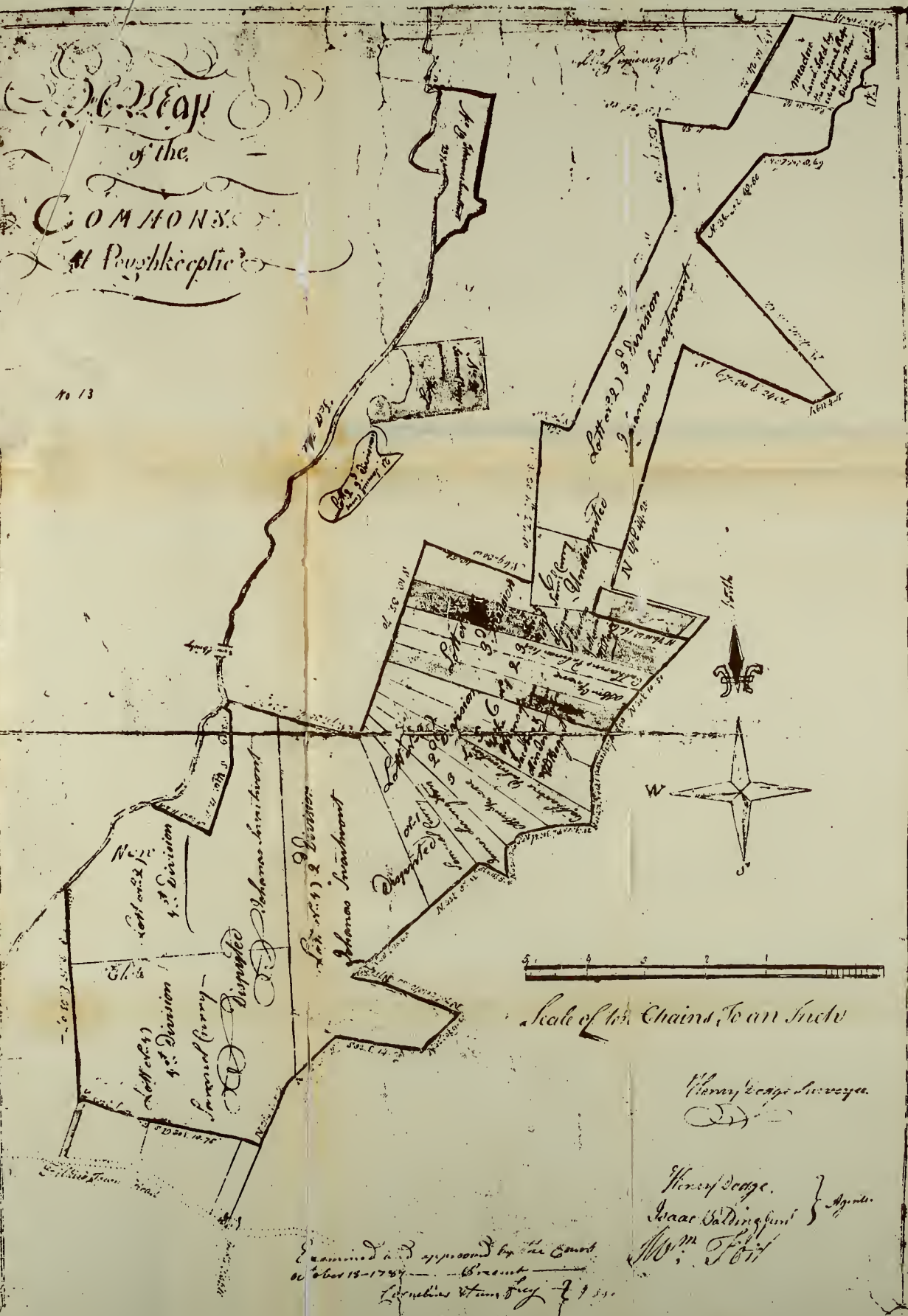
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Map of the COMMONS at Poughkeepsie

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various towns in the collection and preservation of old Bible records and moved that each Vice-President be made a committee of his town. Seconded by Mr. Reese. Carried.

Dr. Poucher moved, seconded by Mr. Newbold, that Miss Reynolds, John Hanna and Mrs. Verplanck be made a committee of the Society to direct the work of the Vice-Presidents. Carried.

Mr. Newbold spoke of the preservation of the City Hall and hoped the Society would use its influence to have it restored.

Mr. Van Vliet named as associate members of the Pilgrimage Committee, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Douglas Merritt and Mrs. deLaporte.

On motion, adjourned.

Secretary.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1923
RECEIPTS

January 1, 1923 Balance.....	\$488.61
Membership Dues	710.60
Interest, June 21, 1923	1.09
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Total Receipts	\$1,200.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Stationery (Stamps and Envelopes)...	\$ 19.90
Lansing-Broas & Co.....	62.60
Mrs. I. D. LeRoy	15.00
Rhinebeck Gazette	404.91
Dr. J. W. Poucher	56.60
New York State Historical Association.	3.00
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Total Disbursements	562.01
Balance, January 1, 1924.....	\$ 638.29

Respectfully submitted,
I. D. LE ROY, Treasurer.

ANNUAL FALL PILGRIMAGE

SEPTEMBER 15, 1923

The Annual pilgrimage for 1923 took place on Saturday, September 15th.

The members to the number of over one hundred met in the interesting old village of New Paltz, visiting the Memorial Monument, the Museum and the old cemetery, where some of the original Patentees are buried, the Dutch Reformed Church and many of the old stone houses, which were built early in the eighteenth century. Interesting and very comprehensive addresses were made by Judge Frank Hasbrouck, and Dr. Margaret K. Smith of New Paltz.

The members of the New Paltz Huguenot Memorial and Monumental Society headed by their President, Mr. Abram E. Jansen, showed us the most cordial hospitality, exhibiting the old homes of their ancestors with a pride in which they are fully justified. After spending as much time there as could be spared the party motored down through the beautiful and fertile Wallkill Valley, through the villages of Modena, Gardiner and Tuthilltown to the old Shawangunk Church at Bruynswick in the town of Shawangunk, where a short historical address was made by Judge Hasbrouck.

The Society members and their friends then divided into groups upon the beautiful shaded lawn about the church and enjoyed the basket lunches provided for the occasion. After this the members visited the old church and its graveyard.

The addresses made on this Pilgrimage are printed below and will make interesting reading for those who did not have the opportunity to hear them.

Address by the Hon. Frank Hasbrouck

In 1663 the Indian savages attacked the early settlements at Esopus, (Kingston) and Hurley. They massacred some of the men, working in the fields, burned some of the houses and carried off prisoners, some women and children, before the attack was repulsed.

Among the early settlers was Louis DuBois. His wife was one of the captives. In response to an appeal to Peter Stuyvesant, the Governor of the Province, at Manhattan, a party of troops was sent to the relief of the settlers. An expedition for the rescue of the captives was organized. Louis Du Bois and others joined this expedition.

They followed the course of the retreat of the Indians, up along the Wallkill, until they came to the Indian fort, or encampment, at the junction of the Shawangunk Kill with the Wallkill, about 10 miles to the south of this spot. In a surprise attack, the Indians were defeated, and the prisoners were rescued, after a detention of about three months. On the return down the Wallkill valley to Esopus Louis Du Bois was impressed with the goodness and fairness of this land. Here was some of the richest farming land in the world. The lowlands along the Kill were natural meadows, already cleared by the Spring freshets and overflow of the streams, and already enriched by the alluvium left by the receding waters.

It is a curious fact that the Wallkill rises in New Jersey, flows north parallel to the Hudson for over a hundred miles, and empties into it, through the Rondout Creek, at Kingston, so that in going up the Valley of the Wallkill one travels South and in going down the Valley one travels North.

Shortly after this occurrence several friends, relatives and connections by marriage of Louis Du Bois, joined him in Esopus. In 1677 he bought from the Indians these lands for himself and his partners. A few minutes ago you were shown in the Memorial House the original Contract of Sale signed by the Indians' marks and with the signatures of the partners.

On the 29th of September, 1677, a patent for this land was issued by Governor Andros to Louis Du Bois and eleven others, his partners. This Patent was for 36,000 acres of land. The place of beginning, the northeasterly corner of the Patent, was on a point of rocks jutting out into the Hudson River, opposite Esopus Island; about 10 or 12 miles westerly, where the granite rocks of the Shawangunk Mountains first appear above the soil, is the northwest corner of the Patent. These two points, marked with the initials of the witnesses of the original survey, are plain to be seen to this day. I visited them a few years ago. The western boundary of the Patent

was the range of the Shawangunk Mountains; Paltz Point, Skytop, is the southwest corner of the Patent. From that point the southerly boundary runs easterly to the Hudson River, at Juffrow's Hook, near Milton Landing.

The twelve persons to whom the Patent was issued were: Louis DuBois and his two sons, Abraham and Isaac, Christian Deyo and his son, Peter Deyo, Abraham Hasbrouck, Jan Hasbrouck, brothers, Simon LeFevre and Andrees LeFevre, brothers, Anthony Crispell, Hugo Freer and Lawrence Bevier.

Louis Du Bois and Anthony Crispell were brothers-in-law, having married daughters of Matthew Blanshan, and having come to America as immigrants with him. Jan Hasbrouck had married the daughter Anne, of Christian Deyo, before they left Europe. Shortly after their arrival here Abraham Hasbrouck, Abraham Du Bois and Simon LeFevre married daughters of Christian Deyo. Isaac Du Bois, the youngest son of Louis Du Bois, who was only about 18 years old at the time the Patent was granted, married Mary, the daughter of Jan Hasbrouck and Anne Deyo. Thus we see that while there were 12 Patentees they represented only 7 distinct families and these were all inter-related and connected by marriage.

These people had been neighbors and friends, not only in France, from which they were driven by the religious persecution of their time, but also in the Rhine Pfalz, the German Palatinate, where they found a temporary refuge prior to coming to America. They were French Huguenots, and at Manheim they were members of a French Church. They probably sojourned at Manheim for almost a generation before coming to America—a band of French Huguenots in a community of Germans.

The name "New Paltz" was evidently adopted by them in remembrance of their old residence in the Rhine Pfalz.

By reason of their relationships and inter-marriage most of the first generation of children born here in the several families were cousins, and most of them were grandchildren of Christian Deyo. He bore the title of "Grandpere", which belonged to him not only through courtesy, as being the oldest of all the patentees, but as a matter of fact; and he was the great-grandfather of the children of Roeliff Elting by Sarah, the daughter of Abraham Du Bois and Margaret Deyo. It was through Roeliff Elting and his marriage to Sarah Du Bois that the large and influential Elting family came early into prominence in the life of this community.

The first homes of the Patentees who settled here shortly after they acquired title to this land were undoubtedly log cabins. But very early the substantial stone houses, lining this Huguenot Street, were built and have been occupied since that time as residences. The

one before you, the one in front of which the monument stands, was the Jan Hasbrouck house, and was built in 1712. You will find the date chiseled in one of the stones.

The next house on the West side of the street was the Du Bois house. You will see its date, 1705, in the wrought iron anchors on its gable end toward the street.

Directly across the street from you is the old Deyo house. It has been modernized and is now occupied by the Hon. Frank LeFevre.

The next house on the east side of the street is the Bevier house, owned by the late Jesse Elting. This probably has been changed the least of any of the old houses, and today looks the most as it did in the early years of 1700.

Next north on the east side of the street is the Abraham Hasbrouck house with its two front doors, indicating an original smaller house added to, as the requirements of an increasing family demanded more room.

Next north on the east side of the street is the Hugo Freer house.

All these houses are today thrown open by their respective owners and occupants, and you are all invited to go through them and inspect them to your heart's content. The Jan Hasbrouck house you have been through. That is the Memorial house, now owned by the New Paltz Huguenot Patriotic, Historical and Monumental Association and maintained as a Museum full of interesting old time relics which you have seen. The other houses are all still occupied as residences.

It is a curious fact that many people from our side of the River—Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County—have never been through this most interesting Huguenot Street, have never seen these venerable houses and have had no idea of the history of the settlement of this country. Most of the people who have been to New Paltz have gone directly through it, on their way to Lake Mohonk or Minnewaska, or have turned to the north on their way to Kingston, on the State Road, having no idea of what an interesting old street there was right down here—nor what interesting history pertained to it.

Here was a settled community with a political government and an established Church almost a generation before there was any settlement at Poughkeepsie. You may recall, as showing the relative importance of Ulster County and Dutchess County in early times, that in the first Provincial Legislatures Dutchess County had no separate representative. It was tacked on to Ulster County and the Ulster delegate represented Dutchess County.

The history of this New Paltz settlement is most interesting and perhaps is unique. The records of the Church established here in

1683 were kept in French for 50 years, then in Hollandish for 70 years and since 1800 in English. Here was a colony of French Huguenots surrounded by Dutch settlers. The language of the families and of business followed substantially the changes that have been stated with reference to the Church records.

With the intimate relationships and connections by marriage, of which I have spoken, it is not to be wondered at that the government of the settlement was of a patriarchal character and that the lands of the Patentees were held in common—first each Patentee owned an undivided one-twelfth of the whole Patent. By deeds executed, the first in 1728, another in 1744, and still another in 1744, the descendants of the original Patentees agreed to meet in April every year and to select a man to represent the interests of each of the original 12 families. These 12 men were called the Duzine, (dozen). They assigned and allotted different parcels of land to the different families and made a record of it in their minute book. I showed you these books inside of the Memorial House. As I have said there was no title in fee to any of the owners individually but each of the owners had an undivided interest, in the whole tract, with possession of the parcels as assigned to them by the Twelve Men. In the course of time, the complications of this method of holding land became so great that it was necessary to have an act of the Legislature passed confirming all titles as allotted by the Twelve Men, and assigning the lands to the different owners of that period in fee absolute.

This was done in 1785 when all the actions of the Twelve Men and their allotments of the lands were confirmed.

The descendants of the original settlers did not seem to be aware of what an interesting and unique history was that of the settlement of New Paltz; for after the passage of this act of the Legislature, by which titles were made absolute and the lands were divided and held in severality, all the old papers, documents and books of the Duzine were packed in an old horse-hair trunk and shoved under the counter of the Huguenot National Bank. There they lay neglected for years.

In 1884 and 1885 Irving Elting, a worthy descendant of the New Paltz Eltings, a graduate of Harvard University, was asked by the Johns Hopkins University to prepare a historical monograph of the "Dutch Village Communities of the Hudson". In preparation for said work Elting made several visits to New Paltz, upon all of which I accompanied him; and we examined, transcribed, translated and copied many of the old documents which we found in the old horse-hair trunk.

In 1893 and 1894 there was formed the "Huguenot Patriotic, Historical and Monumental Association, of New Paltz."

My friend, Ralph LeFevre, from time to time published in his paper, the New Paltz Independent, many of the old papers and documents, and finally, in 1903, he published the most admirable "New Paltz and Its Old Families"—one of the best local histories that has ever been published.

This was a period of revival of interest in the history of early settlements of our country and in genealogy.

The Huguenot Association purchased the Jan Hasbrouck house and converted it into a Museum of ancient relics. Later they erected the monument around which we now stand—the base and shaft, each weighing about 12 tons, rough hewn and chiseled by the forces of nature from the rocky heights of the Shawangunk Mountains. After many expeditions and much searching we found these stones at the foot of the cliffs, had them transported to this spot and here reared them, and affixed the bronze inscription in commemoration of the original settlers of this country—a most appropriate monument to their rugged virtues.

The bronze tablet states that the monument is reared in commemoration of the Patentees, whose names are inscribed upon it, "who, driven by religious persecution from their native France, exiles for conscience sake, came to America after a sojourn in the Rhine Palatinate, near Manheim; here established their homes on the banks of the Wallkill, settled the country purchased from the Indians and granted by Patent, issued by Governor Edmond Andros on the 29th day of September 1677 and nobly bore their part in the creation of our free government."

Some members of the Committee having the matter in charge wanted a cut or polished monument. There was a proposed design with a base and column of cut stone surmounted by two carved figures, one representing a Dutchman and the other a Huguenot, clasping hands. This naturally found favor with some of the members of the Association who were of pure Dutch descent and naturally those of Huguenot descent thought that while symbolically beautiful it was not historically correct.

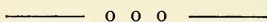
The truth of history is, that with the single exception of the early connection of Roeliff Elting in 1703, by his marriage to Sarah Du Bois, the fine strain of Dutch blood, of which we are all so proud, came at first mostly on our mothers' side, through marriage by the Huguenot men with Dutch women.

It was not the purpose to mark the graves of our Patentee ancestors. None of their resting places are exactly known, except the single one that we are sure of—Abraham Du Bois's, "the last survivor of the Patentees", whose grave is so marked in yonder graveyard, across the street, where the first church building stood.

The monument was to be in honor and in memory of the virtues of men who accomplished the settlement of this country, and it was to commemorate that fact. It was to be of an historical, not of a mortuary character.

This being settled, nothing seemed more appropriate to bring to mind of the present and the succeeding generations the hard heads, the stout hearts, the strong souls, the determined minds and the rugged characters of those who here established their homes and subdued a wilderness, than a monument of Shawangunk "grit". Such is the monument we reared.

Its appropriateness and fitness approve themselves to my judgment more and more every time I view it, and its symmetry and beauty grow upon me, its massiveness and solidity impress me.



Address by Dr. Margaret K. Smith

The Europeans who first came to New Paltz were in many ways much more favored than the settlers who came to other parts of the American continent.

The New Paltz colony has no story of suffering similar to that of the Jamestown (Va.) Colony, and of the Puritan settlement at Plymouth, Mass.

In the first place they were inured to hardship before they left Europe, having fled from the persecutions of the Medici in France to take refuge in the Pfalz, a small district on the border of Holland where they remained for some time. From the Pfalz they came to Kingston (or Hurley, near Kingston) where they became accustomed to the hardships of the new country.

They did not belong to the poverty-stricken class, as they brought with them across the water provisions sufficient to secure them against severe want.

However it is not to be assumed that the settlers of the new country were spared the deprivations, and trials common to all who left homes and friends on the other side of the water.

They had to endure a much colder climate than they had known in Europe. Though they were able to live almost entirely at peace with the Indians, for some time they were never free from care and anxiety regarding their savage neighbors. In addition there were no roads, and the difficulty of untilled land was serious. Except in the narrow valley of the Wallkill, the land was not fertile, the soil being thin and clayey. Wild animals were sufficiently numerous to make

attention to their extermination necessary. At any time life was not easy. The people worked very hard, and while they gained a fair living, not one made a fortune from the land. By means of small trading and extreme saving, many of them secured a competence.

Altogether the conditions of living while never sordid were for many years sufficiently rigid. The first houses were of logs, which were succeeded by houses of stone, which in their turn gave place to "framed" houses of dressed lumber. Just before the Revolution, the typical house of the well-to-do settler was built of stone upon a solid foundation with a good cellar. It was of one story with steep roofs, thick walls, heavy doors and small windows. In kitchen and living room were large fire places for logs of wood, but bedrooms were fireless and rather dark. Feather beds on high bedsteads, inclosed within heavy curtains did much to mitigate the asperities of a heatless room.

Fires were lighted with flint and steel, failing these, with a lighted brand or coals borrowed from a neighbor's fire.

In the kitchen fireplace, iron ovens for baking bread were swung on a crane across the fire. Later these were supplemented by the Dutch brick oven. Iron pots, skillets and long-handled pans for cooking vegetables and meat were swung on and off the cranes. The long-handled pans were placed on beds of coals. Joints of meat and fowls were sometimes roasted. Delectable broiling of beefsteak and ham on glowing hardwood coals was not unusual.

The vegetables in use were potatoes, beets, turnips, carrots, beans and peas. Very little cabbage, no tomatoes, no head lettuce, no spinach, no asparagus, no celery, no chard or oyster plant were known. For fruits there were apples (natural growth), currants and berries. Dried apples and dried berries principally constituted the delicacies for the winter. Raisins came across the water for Christmas. Maple syrup and sugar, some brown sugar and West India molasses came early. Also some "loaf" sugar from abroad. This was saved for weddings and funerals.

Wheat, rye and barley were ground in the local mills, very coarse flour, but very wholesome bread. What would we give for it now? Wheat bread was for company. There were no canned foods, and no makeshifts in this line. With substitutes have come our troubles.

For meat there were beef, mutton, pork, some wild rabbits and other wild meat. For poultry was the ever faithful chicken. Instead of turkey was goose for Christmas and other high days and holidays. Wild turkey came in early as did partridge.

Besides the historical "pine knot," light was furnished by candles made chiefly of beef tallow. Candles were both "dipped"

and "molded". The light from colonial candles is not to be judged by that which a candle furnishes today. The wicks were much larger, and the tallow was not adulterated. A single "mold" candle furnished light for the table at night and for reading. A "dipped" candle served the lantern both for the barn and for going through the village at night. For company two candles graced the table. For a wedding two more were added, the very largest and splendid in tall brass candle sticks, shone down from the high mantelpiece.

Four candles constituted an illumination. On a dark night a candle was set in a window for the guidance of possible wayfarers.

Clocks were used but both in the field and in the house much dependence was placed on the sun. The sun on the "noon" line in the doorway meant dinner time, the important event of the day. The men worked from long before "sun-up" till sometime after "sundown", as "chores" infringed upon the darkness. Eight hour days had no existence.

The women worked all the time. They washed and ironed all the clothes. They scrubbed the tables and floors white and soundly scolded the bold adventurers who dared to track them. They milked the cows, fed the calves and made the butter and cheese. They picked the geese and made the feather beds and pillows. They fed the poultry, gathered the eggs and looked after the chickens. They did the knitting and sewing for the family. They spun wool and flax and wove woolen, linen and cotton cloth. They laid up stores of woolen blankets and linen sheets which in many families are in use today.

There is a story of one woman who did her housework, made herself a gown and knitted a sock for her husband all in one day. Her day began at four a. m. and ended at 10 p. m. While doing her housework she probably paused in her career to spin a few threads at the wheel in a corner of the kitchen and for rest slipped into the seat of the waiting loom nearby, and moving the treadles in time to a psalm tune, she shot the shuttle to and fro till a quarter or a half yard was added to the web which later she "made up" for family use.

New Paltz, being French, was always "dressy" so that even as early as 1689 the colonists rejoiced in the presence of a skilled dressmaker, a Frenchman who no doubt relieved the busy wives of the labor of making up Sunday and wedding gowns, thus comforting them with the consciousness of being "well-dressed" which, it has been said is the "source of a consolation which even religion cannot afford." The dressmaker bore the appropriate name of Bourepos.

Sarah Freer, daughter of Hugo Freer, the patentee, was for three years apprenticed to such a dressmaker, from whom she learned

her trade, together with the Heidelberg Catechism, incidentally being brought up in the "fear of the Lord" as per contract.

Great changes since then!

Today the flapper of fifteen learns no trade, has no fear of the Lord, and doesn't know whether the Heidelberg Catechism is a game of doubles or singles.

Hard as life was in the early days, the New Paltz settlers were not without amusements. There were skating, foot racing, horse racing, cock fighting, which the wife of at least one of the patentees allowed in her kitchen. Husking and "paring" parties followed by dancing were common. "Quilting bees" and the raising of frame houses and barns came in together. Card playing was known at least in the taverns which only "respectable, reliable" men were allowed to keep.

Every Sunday everybody went to church. At the time of the Revolution sermons in New Paltz were preached in Dutch. For nearly a century previous to this, the church services were conducted in French. About the time the Constitution was framed, in 1787, English began to be sparingly used in the churches, but the use of English in the homes came somewhat later.

From Easter till October the Dutch Dominie preached two sermons on Sunday. In the morning he preached on Bible subjects, in the afternoon he interpreted Heidelberg Catechism. From October till Easter there was but one service on Sunday.

For the sake of the family the women went to church regularly. The children went because they must. For them the occasion was mitigated and sweetened by surreptitious doles of cookies, spices, ginger root, bits of loaf sugar and even "sweeties." The men were in church, too, more or less willingly. There is evidence that some went because they liked it. In some places absence from church meant a fine.

There is a story of a man who walked nine miles to church. For nine years he was never absent of a Sunday morning. He was of the same stock as the Dutch of New Paltz, but he lived in a neighboring valley, a quiet, hard working, dignified, fair dealing man. When the Revolution came he did what the New Paltz men in time of war have invariably done, he gave his strength and his life for the new country.

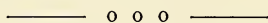
From the time of the first settlement of New Paltz there were schools. By their consideration for their schoolmaster the settlers showed their regard for education.

The first newspaper was printed in 1861. A Democratic sheet called the Times. It is no longer in existence. The New Paltz

Independent, a Republican paper, was established in 1868 and is still in existence.

Books in Dutch and French were brought across the water.

The present free library was established in 1907. It is located in a stone house of Revolutionary times on Main street. It is remarkably well selected and contains between four and five thousand volumes. It is frequented by old and young, and the extent of reading in the village is remarkable. It bears the name of the "Elting Free Library."



Address by the Hon. Frank Hasbrouck

About ten miles south of New Paltz, up the Wallkill Valley, is Bruynswick, where is located the historically and architecturally interesting old Shawangunk Church. This was designated on the program of our Pilgrimage as a place to be visited, after New Paltz, and was the appointed spot for luncheon.

Jacobus Bruyn came from Norway and settled at Esopus about 1660. His son, Jacobus Bruyn, Jr., was born in this country about 1680. He was a prominent and influential citizen and a very large land owner, not only in Ulster county but also in Orange county and in Manhattan. He inherited from his father and acquired by Patent or purchase all the country about the Shawangunk Church, called by his family name, Bruynswick, and here he lived and died. His tombstone in the burying ground by the church, with the eulogistic epitaph, was viewed by the pilgrims with interest.

He had numerous progeny—fourteen children in all being born to him—several died in infancy; but he left him surviving, and named in his Will (see Anjou's Ulster County Wills, pp. 124-127) four sons and four daughters, besides grandchildren by a deceased daughter. His children intermarried with prominent descendants of the New Paltz Patentees and with other early settlers of Ulster county.

Scattered about the lawns surrounding the church, in the sunlight of a beautiful Autumn day, the pilgrims, after an inspection of the quaint church edifice, outside and inside, and of the tombstone inscriptions in the old church yard, ate their picnic luncheon, overlooking the beautiful scene, stretched out before them, of the Valley of the Wallkill and of the Shawangunk Kill, with the Shawangunk Mountain Range forming the near Western horizon.

Here they were a short distance from, within sight of, the place where, at the junction of the two Kills, was the fort, or village, where

the Indians held captive the wife of Louis Du Bois at the time of her rescue.

The artist, E. L. Henry, has made a beautiful picture, a colored engraving, of this Shawangunk Church, published by C. Klackner, of New York and London. The church was built in the reign of George I. In a description of the picture, by the artist, it is stated: "While it was being erected, a stockade was built around it to protect the workmen from hostile Indians. During the old France War while in fear of Reds, the male members had often to perform sentinel duty outside during church service, taking turns to guard the rest from a surprise from the enemy, the rest of the worshippers having their guns stacked in the aisles ready for instant service."

This same story, as a tradition of early days, was often told to her grandchildren by the grandmother of the writer of this article. Her home was at Guilford, a few miles to the North of Bruynswick, along the banks of the Wallkill.



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Notes Upon Some of the Illustrations in This Year Book

A word or two of explanation concerning some of the illustrations contained in this issue of the Year Book may be useful to the reader.

1. The committee has shown the two sides of the first leaf of the first book of deeds in the County Court House. The leaf is torn out, is badly defaced. The purpose in reproducing it is not only to preserve the information it carries but to emphasize to the society the need to bring public opinion to bear on the Board of Supervisors to provide funds for the restoration and care of county records.

2. The first Court House for Dutchess County was built 1717-1720 at Poughkeepsie on land which was a part of the homestead farm of Jacobus Van Den Bogaerdt. On November 13, 1747, Van Den Bogaerdt gave a lease and release for the lot. The original parchment indenture of 1747 is on file in the Court House and is reproduced here as a document of interest and value to the whole county.

3. A pamphlet by the late Irving Elting of Poughkeepsie, a scholarly study, entitled: *Dutch Village Communities on the Hudson River*, published 1886, contains an account of the institution known as "the Commons" in the colonial villages in this vicinity. Rights of pasturage, haying, timber-cutting, hunting, &c, were held in the Commons by many individual residents. Reproduced herewith is a map on file in the Court House, showing "the Commons" at Poughkeepsie in 1787. The Commons lay north of Main street (at Arlington) and east of the Fallkill. The eastern boundary line of the Commons at Poughkeepsie was the western boundary (or "Parallel Line") of the Rombout Patent. The irregularity of the "Parallel Line" is accounted for by the fact that the Line followed all the winds and turns of the Wappingers Creek at a distance of 500 rods.

4. The map of the partition of the Rombout Patent in 1765, in the office of the County Clerk, measures approximately 49 by 31 inches. It is on parchment, in two pieces, and in frail condition. In reproducing it the committee desires to call attention to the bridges across the Wappingers Creek, as shown on the map. They were: (1) "The Bridge South of Brewer's" (at the present Wappingers Falls Village, near the Mesier house, which was built by Nicholas Brewer); (2) "The Bridge Crossing the Kill at the King's Road" (at the second falls, or Matapan, the place where the Post Road originally crossed the creek); (3) "Thorne's Bridge" (north of New Hackensack, near the farm of Dr. Stephen Thorn, now owned by Mr. Raymond Crum);

(4) "LeRoy's Bridge" (east of the residence of Mr. Augustus B. Gray; the road originally ran east, close in front of this house, down to the creek, where bits of the masonry of the old bridge have been found recently by Mr. Edmund Van Wyck of this society; the land on the east side of the creek was owned by the LeRoy family); (5) "Platt's Bridge" (the bridge near the house now owned by Mr. Frank DeGarmo, then by Zephaniah Platt. It is matter of knowledge that many years ago the Wappingers, in this neighborhood, ran far to the east of its present course, so that the Platt's Bridge of 1765 probably did not stand just where the present bridge does).

5. The map of the Town of Beekman, dated 1798, is one of the delightful pieces of workmanship for which Henry Livingston, Jr., of Poughkeepsie, is deservedly noted. Dutchess County is deeply in debt to both Henry Livingston, Sr., and Henry Livingston, Jr., for the legacy which the father and son left to it of unwearied surveying and map-making. The fine text on this map states that the outside lines of the town were actually surveyed but that within the boundaries Mr. Livingston drew from descriptions furnished him by Dr. Ebenezer Cary, Supervisor of Beekman. Dr. Cary practised medicine in Beekman from about 1768 to his death in 1815 and he ought to have known the roads and the people well. It is to be observed however that the map does not show the Lutheran church of which an account is given elsewhere in this Year Book.

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Books Relating To Dutchess County

1. Poughkeepsie, the Origin and Meaning of the Word; Collections of the Dutchess County Historical Society, Volume I; by Helen Wilkinson Reynolds; 93 pages, 12 halftone plates; price: \$3.06 within Dutchess County, \$3.15 elsewhere in the United States; printed in a limited edition. A small part of the edition is still on sale. Copies may be had by addressing: Miss Helen W. Reynolds, 56 Grand Ave., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

2. Old Gravestones of Dutchess County; Nineteen Thousand Inscriptions; Collected and Edited by J. Wilson Poucher, M. D., and Helen Wilkinson Reynolds; Collections of the Dutchess County Historical Society, Volume II. Nearly through the press. Circulars will shortly be sent, announcing publication. The book contains inscriptions from old gravestones from all parts of Dutchess County, the inscriptions being arranged alphabetically by townships.

3. Records of the Town of Hyde Park (Town Meetings, Road Books, Church Registers, an account of the Water-Lots) to be pub-

lished by the Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt as: Collections of the Dutchess County Historical Society, Volume III. Now in course of preparation for the printer.

4. Miss Martha W. Beckwith, Ph. D., Research Professor on the Folk-Lore Foundation, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, assisted by Miss Constance Varney, Vassar '21, has begun a search for folk-songs in this section of the Hudson Valley, with publication of the findings the ultimate end in view. The Year Book Committee particularly requests members of the Dutchess County Historical Society to give any information they can to Miss Beckwith and Miss Varney. The latter propose making personal canvas of this general region in the belief that the descendants of the early Dutch, French, German, Scandinavian and English settlers will possess the words and airs of many ancient folk-songs.

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Wanted,—Family Bibles!

On June 17, 1924, the Trustees and Vice-Presidents of the Dutchess County Historical Society held a joint meeting. As a result of the deliberations at the meeting it was decided to begin a movement in the society to collect and file copies of the entries in the old Family Bibles in the county. A central committee was appointed consisting of: Miss Helen W. Reynolds of Poughkeepsie, chairman; Mrs. Samuel Verplanck of Beacon and Mr. John A. Hanna of Dover Plains. This central committee is to organize if possible a group of sub-committees, one in every township of Dutchess. The duty of each township committee will be to search for old Bibles in the township, list them, copy their records of births, marriages and deaths and file reports with the central committee. It is believed that this search, thoroughly and carefully made, would result in a valuable collection of genealogical data in reference to county families. Circulars and blank forms will be issued to facilitate the clerical work connected with the lists.

Dutchess County Men of the Revolutionary Period

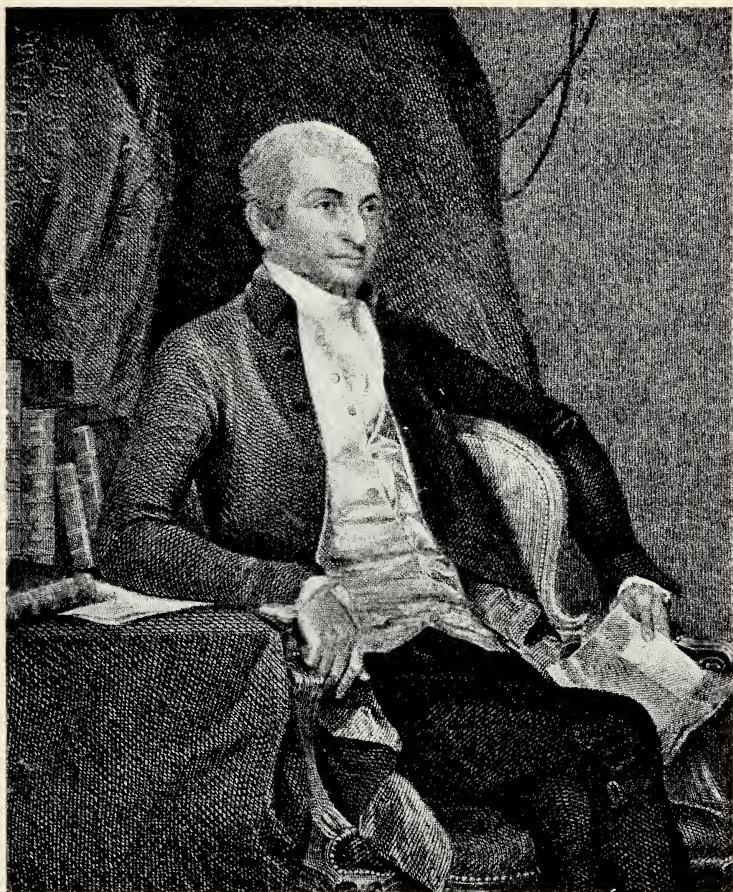
John Jay

From the very beginning of the troubles between the Colonies and Great Britain few men in America performed more valuable services than John Jay. On May 16, 1774, when news of the passage of the Boston Port Bill reached New York, a meeting of citizens was held at which a committee of fifty-one was appointed to enter into correspondence with the Boston committee; Mr. Jay was appointed on a sub-committee and it was he who was said to have written the letter in which New York was declared not in favor of the drastic recommendations of the Boston committee, pronouncing the course of the latter premature and inexpedient but recommending a General Congress of the Colonies to discuss matters. This letter, although giving much offense to the more radical patriots was instrumental in bringing about the first Continental Congress.

The Congress met in Philadelphia September 5, 1774, and the first delegates from New York City were Philip Livingston, Isaac Low, John Alsop and John Jay, the counties of Albany, Dutchess and Westchester later concurring. At Philadelphia, Jay soon lost much of his conservatism and, although one of the youngest, became one of the most influential members of the Congress. He was the author of a Memorial, addressed to the people of Great Britain, which so ably and clearly depicted the position of the colonists in respect to their violated rights, that he became very popular throughout the country and also among the friends of America in Europe.

During the second Continental Congress, which met May 10, 1775, he continued to be very active, especially on Committees of Correspondence with friends of the American cause in England, France and Holland. In April, 1776, although a member of the Third Continental Congress at Philadelphia, he was elected a member of the New York Convention, or Provincial Congress, and his friends urged his attendance at home because there the Tories were numerous and influential and many members of the Convention were luke-warm toward independence. In this way he was prevented from being a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, which he heartily approved.

In New York his services were much needed, the Province having become the seat of active war. New York City was in the occupation of the British; British soldiers and, more especially Tory organizations, were terrorizing Westchester and New Jersey. Sir Henry Clinton was in command in New York; Admiral Howe, with the British fleet, was on the Hudson at Tarrytown. General Burgoyne was on



John Jay —

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his march from Canada, threatening to get possession of the whole length of the river and to separate New England from the rest of the colonies. Naturally there was great depression throughout the country. The Provincial Congress left New York City, meeting successively at White Plains, Harlem, King's Bridge, Philipse Manor, Fishkill, Poughkeepsie and, finally, December 23, 1776, going to Kingston. To try to dispel the gloom of this situation Mr. Jay issued an address to the people of the country which was specially recommended by Congress, printed in both English and German and circulated at the national expense. In 1777 Mr. Jay was a member of the committee which framed the Constitution of the State of New York. He was appointed Chief Justice of the State by the Committee of Safety and presided over the first term of the Supreme Court September 9, 1777.

In the mean time, among many others who found it unsafe to remain in and around New York City was the Jay family. The following letter* from John Jay's brother, Frederick Jay, states the reasons for the removal of the family from their home at Rye, Westchester County, to Fishkill in Dutchess County, and the circumstances of their journey.

"19th Oct. 1776.

Harrison's Purchase.

Dear John,

Papa has directed me to have all the stock removed from Rye to the Fishkills. He intends to set off this day or tomorrow with Mama and Nancy and some of the servants. The rest will set off in a day or two. He thinks it best for me to stay and remove everything. I could wish you were here to go with them. Jos. Purdy, Sen'r, has partly engaged to go, if he does not I shall attend them. They mean to take the Crom pond Road. If you could meet them it would be a satisfaction. Endeavor to provide provender for the cattle, &c, this winter. If you could any ways send the waggon down it would assist me greatly. No carts to be had at this present time, they being all engaged in the service. I wish Papa had taken my advice and moved by water when you first hired the place. It would have saved both trouble and expense. When ye things are all moved Peter will go up. I imagine you'll be full.

I am in great haste

Yours &c

Fr. Jay."

*Correspondence and Public Papers of John Jay, vol. 1, p. 89. See also: vol. 1, pp. 147, 156, 170; vol. 2, pp. 56, 155, 179, 191, 329; vol. 3, p. 52.

It can readily be seen why this removal to a place inside the American lines was necessary. Admiral Howe and the British Governor, Tryon, were doing all in their power to organize the activities of the Tories, while cowboy bands were committing all sorts of depredations throughout Westchester, and the family of so active a patriot could not long escape.

Already (June 16, 1775) the convention, on motion of Jay, had passed a resolution declaring all persons giving aid or comfort to the enemy guilty of treason, with the penalty of death, and had appointed Livingston, Jay and Gouverneur Morris a secret committee to "examine disaffected persons." There is no record of any executions but, when Lord Howe's fleet landed at New York, there were twenty-seven prisoners in the City Hall and forty-three in the new jail, one of whom was the mayor of the city.

In September a new committee was appointed: "A Committee for Inquiring into, Detecting and Defeating Conspiracies." This committee was given almost unlimited power. It could call out local militia, employ all sorts of secret agents, arrest and remove any person it might judge to be dangerous to the State; it could make drafts upon the treasury of the State and was empowered to raise and officer two hundred and twenty men and employ them as it saw fit. The committee met October 8, 1775, at Connor's Tavern at Fishkill and organized itself with James Duer as chairman and John Jay as secretary. At Fishkill the committee held many meetings, Mr. Jay acting as chairman most of the time, and sub-committees were formed throughout eastern and southeastern Dutchess (a portion of Dutchess having since been set off as Putnam County). Militia units were created and officered, each organization to cover a certain section known as a "beat". The minutes of the central committee show a tremendous activity but as much of the work was secret many of the acts of these patriots never will be known. The membership of the committees comprised many names still familiar in southern Dutchess and in Putnam County: as, Dykeman, Townsend, Luddington, Crosby, Van Wyck, &c. Enoch Crosby, one of these "secret agents for detecting Tory plots", was forever made famous by James Fennimore Cooper as Harvey Birch, "The Spy", and there is good authority* for stating that it was the story of Crosby's activities, told by John Jay to Cooper, which gave the novelist material for his book. It is a remarkable fact that bitter as was the feeling and great as was the number of reprisals made by both sides there was comparatively little bloodshed. Large numbers of men and women were arrested and brought before Judge Jay and a variety of sentences was imposed,—property was confiscated and sold at auction; those suspected or

*W. L. Phelps, *Some Makers of American Literature*, p. 41.

proven to be in friendly intercourse with the enemy were imprisoned in the old stone church or put upon certain limits within the bounds of Fishkill or of their homes; some were sent to other colonies; the more important were sometimes confined on shipboard. Judge Jay was most severe with his old time friends and relatives. He banished his close friend and classmate, Peter Van Schaack, to Boston (where Van Schaack was placed upon "his parole of honor"), because of the latter's "equivocal neutrality." Strange to say their friendship for each other remained unbroken.

As has been shown above, John Jay rented a house at Fishkill to which the whole Jay family removed from their home at Rye. This house (which is still standing) was the Van Wyck homestead, three miles east of Fishkill Village, at what is now known as Wiccopee. In the summer of 1777 the family had already (for both public and private reasons) begun to consider removing to some other place. At one time a farm at Kent, Conn., was talked of. On December 11, 1777, in a letter to General Schuyler, John Jay acknowledged the offer by the General of a farm near Albany, but expressed uncertainty just what to do, and said: "This place, at which all the family now reside, is by no means agreeable or convenient, if secure, which is also doubtful." Some weeks later (February 26, 1778) Jay wrote Schuyler, declining the latter's offer as his father was "too infirm to be moved." The family's removal was delayed, as a matter of fact, for two or three years and while they were still at Fishkill a letter written by Mr. Jay July 31, 1781, at Madrid (whither he had gone as Commissioner to Spain) and addressed to his brother Frederick refers to the fact that he has heard that: "armed robbers have attacked the house and taken money, plate and other articles but behaved with surprising decency toward our father, Peter and Nancy." He speaks in this letter of his old father's infirmity.

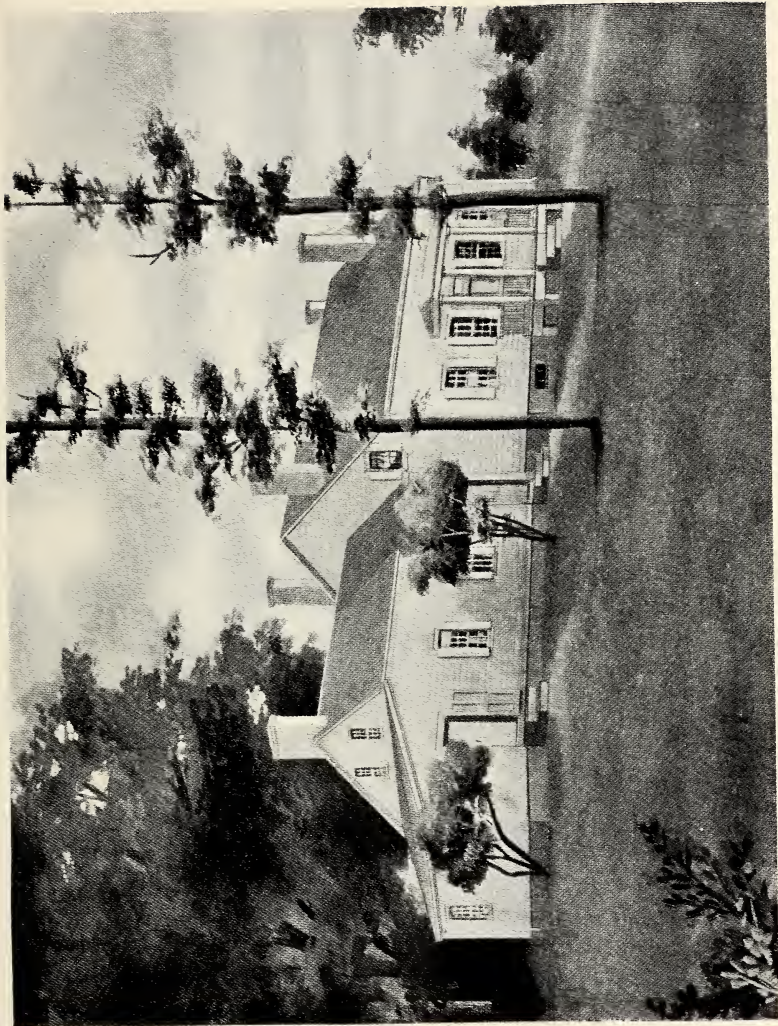
Finally (in 1781?) the Jay family effected a removal from Fishkill to Poughkeepsie. From Madrid on December 8, 1781, John Jay wrote to his old friend, Egbert Benson, the Attorney General of New York, living at Poughkeepsie, asking the particulars of the matter: he wished to know where in Poughkeepsie his father was established and asked that his young son be boarded with Harry Livingston, Jr. In this letter Mrs. Jay sent a message to Doctor Van Wyck, expressing her friendship and her appreciation of the kindness of the doctor to her husband's family.

Where the Jays lived while in Poughkeepsie does not transpire. In a letter to his father, February 21, 1782, John Jay said that he had heard from Mr. Benson that the family were Mr. Benson's "near neighbors". It would be an interesting and valuable discovery should the letter ever be recovered which Egbert Benson wrote John Jay in

1782 in answer to the latter's questions regarding the affairs of his relatives at Poughkeepsie. The aged father died on April 17, 1782, at Poughkeepsie, as a letter, dated April 20th, from Frederick Jay to his brother announced the event and stated that burial was made at Fishkill in the vault of Gysbert Schenck.

J. WILSON POUCHER.





Homestead of Theodorus Van Wyck, as built in 1740 at Wiccopee, Dutchess County, N. Y.
Remodeled in 1870. Occupied by the Jay family during the Revolutionary War.
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Dominie Meynema

And the Dutch Churches at Poughkeepsie and Fishkill

Notes Contributed by J. Wilson Poucher, M. D.

The Dutch Reformed Churches at Poughkeepsie and Fishkill were organized in 1716 through the activities of Dominie Petrus Vas, pastor at Kingston, but in spite of repeated and earnest appeals sent to the Classis in Amsterdam, Holland, it was not until 1731 that they were able to get a regular pastor in the person of Dominie Van Schie, who came from Holland to serve both churches. Previous to that time the churches had to content themselves with a sermon now and then when they could get a preacher from Rhinebeck or Kingston or good old Dominie Vas, who was not the kind of man to get them organized and then set them adrift. Dominie Van Schie filled the two pulpits acceptably until 1733, when he was invited to go to Albany. His departure left the churches at Poughkeepsie and Fishkill again without a pastor and, although they made several earnest appeals to the Classis in Holland through able advocates, it was more than eleven years before they finally were successful in securing a dominie. This second pastor was the Rev. Benjamin Meynema, who came to the churches in 1745.

The original Dutch letters and power of attorney, showing the mode of procedure our ancestors were obliged to follow to get a dominie here, were found, several years ago, among old papers of the late Milton A. Fowler of Poughkeepsie, but after the publication of Dr. Van Gieson's history of the Poughkeepsie church, in which Dr. Van Gieson said no record of the manner of Dr. Meynema's coming could be found. These papers were presented to the writer by Mr. Milton Fowler's son, Mr. Clarence A. Fowler and by the writer deposited with the Dutch Church, Poughkeepsie.

Dr. Meynema served the two churches until 1756 and I would like to say acceptably. But there was dissention between the pastor and his people. How long it had existed we do not know but there is a record at Fishkill that he accepted a dismissal for the sum of 310 pounds sterling (Bailey says 300) and signed the receipt "Gemittert Predikant" (Dismissed Preacher). Dr. Meynema lived five years after his dismissal, dying in 1761. He was buried in the churchyard at Fishkill beside his wife, Catrina Rapalje, whom he married at Fishkill and who died two years before her husband. Just what the trouble was between Dr. Meynema and his congregations at Poughkeepsie and Fishkill has never been known in detail. The quarrel had been referred to the Coetus for settlement but it is probable that

it was adjusted by the dominie and the people themselves. Bailey says the difficulty was that the dominie was unamiable, dictatorial and not sufficiently in sympathy with his flock.. The following translation of the original papers was made at the instance of the late Frank Van Kleeck and the late Martin Heermance.

Amsterdam 6th August 1745.

On Monday the 2nd. instant,

The packet- boat has already arrived.

Address

The Rev. Learned Sir, Mr. Benjamin Meinema called to Poughkeepsie and Fishkill in North-America, at present yet minister of the Church of Outwoude and Westergeest under the Classis of Dokkum.

(Reverend Sir)

Your esteemed favor of the 29th of July together with the 5 packing cases has safely arrived here with the packet-boat from Leeuwarden. But whereas the ship of Mr. Crommelin through a quarrel with his shippers has not yet unloaded (her American cargo). I have caused the aforesaid cases to be brought to my house, until the ship will be re-loaded (for America).

The Rev. Van Schellinjne has brought me an oral message from you, to the effect that you intend to come here next week.

We leave to your choice the ship on which you wish to sail. The goods have not yet been loaded and I will not send it to the ship before you have arrived here. The Lord himself may lead you toward the best choice, Him we have to know in all our ways, so that he may lead us.

How great a bliss to give ourselves into His Hands, trusting that He will make it all well.

Will your Rev. yet have an opportunity to see Mr. Jacobi. I beg you to send him my (regards) and (my sincere regrets) with his loss—May (the Lord) restore his loss and reveal to his soul (the treasures of his comfort) (which no) creature can give.

Mr. Schellinjne requests me to send you his sincere regards as I and my family also beg to do herewith.

May the Lord prepare you for the important position to which you have been called and make you a preacher, whose labor may be rewarded now and in the Great Day, Amen.

With Cordial Greetings,

I remain, Sir,

Your Rev's servant and friend,

I. Stockers.

Power of Attorney for a Ministerial Call.
to the Very Rev.

Ths. Van Schellinjne
and the Highly Esteemed Gentlemen
Pr. de Wolff and
L. Clarkson and Stokkers.
Very Rev. Sir and Father in Christ,
Highly Esteemed Gentlemen:—

It was in the year 1734, that etc.

Now then, whereas there has been a sincere and spirit uplifting desire for the pure truth of the Gospel, we, being also advised thereunto by Dr. du Bois, have unanimously decided to urge these congregations to send out another call for an ordained minister from Holland—And whereas we, the undersigned Elders and Deacons of the Nether-Dutch Reformed Churches of Poughkeepsie and Fishkill, have found all those who to that end have subscribed to the Annual Salary of a Nether-Dutch Reformed Minister, to agree with this, enabling us therewith to continue this pious and necessary work for our congregations, we have held a general Church-Meeting—And after the invocation of God's name, we have decided to grant this Power-of-Attorney for the calling of a Nether-Dutch Reformed Minister as we do grant it herewith to—The Very Rev. Theodorus Van Schellinjne and the Highly Esteemed gentlemen Petrus de Wolff, Levinus Clarkson and Stokkers.

By the present instrument therefore we give full Power of Attorney to you, Very Rev. Theodorus Van Schellinjne and Highly Esteemed Gentlemen, Petrus de Wolff, Levinus Clarkson and—Stokkers, as our representatives in this matter on behalf of the Nether-Dutch Reformed Churches of Poughkeepsie and Fishkill; to send out unanimously or by a majority approved by the Rev. Schellinjne a call for an Orthodox ordained and qualified and inspiring Nether-Dutch Reformed Minister;

Who among us shall preach the Holy Gospel, give Catachetical instruction, and administer the Holy Sacraments as instituted by Christ.

Who, together with the Consistories of the Congregations shall diligently and carefully apply the ecclesiastical censure;

And who further shall do whatsoever the office of a faithful servant of Jesus Christ according to God's Holy Word requires and whatsoever the good order of the Church prescribes in the manner as established by the Synode of Dordrecht in the year 1618 and 1619, and according to the customs of the Nether-Dutch Reformed Church in this Country.

In all which duties a few special rules shall have to be observed for the service among us:

The minister called by you, highly Esteemed Gentlemen, on behalf of our Congregations, after his arrival here in good health shall fulfill his duties as follows:—

1. Six months of the year (the summer months) he shall preach twice every Sunday, to wit; in the afternoon services the catechetical material shall be taught as arranged by the Heydelberg Catachism. The services shall be held in turns, on each alternative Sunday at Poughkeepsie and at Fishkill.

But, Whereas the persons belonging to these congregations live distantly and scattered the other six months (the winter months) he shall preach but once, to wit; on the one Sunday at Poughkeepsie and the next at Fishkill. On Christtide, the 1st. and the 2nd. day, on New Year and on Ascension Day, he also shall preach but once.

And every other Sunday in Summer and Winter, except on Communion Sundays or in case there will be service held next day, His Rev. shall give Catachetical instruction time and circumstances serviable.

Note:

The Voorleser (Reader-precantor) does register the Baptisms among us, according to the orders given to him by the Rev. Consistory.

2. Four times a year His. Rev. shall administer the Communion, to wit: twice at Poughkeepsie and twice at Fishkill; or oftener if the minister in combination with the Consistories shall deem it inspiring and necessary for the congregations. The adhortative sermon before each communion His. Rev. shall deliver on the Wednesday before.

Both at Poughkeepsie and at Fishkill the minister shall once a year do the visitation at the time most convenient to him and the Elders. Each alternative service day shall be held at Poughkeepsie and at Fishkill; but the adhortative sermon aforesaid shall always be held there where the communion will be held.

The first sermon after his arrival His Rev. shall hold at Poughkeepsie.

Note:—the two churches are on a walking distance of three hours from each other.

3. Be it also mentioned that four times a year service shall be held at Oswego, a village on about three hours walking distance from Poughkeepsie, which services will be taken out of the turns of Poughkeepsie.

And four annual services to be held at the dwellings of Jacob Tiltsoortor of Cornelis Wiltze, will be likewise taken out of the

turns of Fishkill, which houses are about as far from Poughkeepsie as Fishkill is so that the journey offers no extra-difficulties.

And these services shall be held at such times as the minister with the Consistory shall deem most convenient.

For the sake then, highly Esteemed Gentlemen of finding such an able minister and of persuading him to accept this service, we promise to His Rev. as long as he in good health will continue his office.

I. The sum of (£110) one hundred and ten pound, New York Currency annually which will promptly and in due time be paid to him by the Elders and Deacons or by their representatives, to wit; on behalf of the members of the congregation of Poughkeepsie £56; and of those of Fishkill £54.

II. The term of his first annual salary will begin on the day of his sailing from Holland.

III. His Rev. shall as long as he remains our minister at Poughkeepsie, a free and very comfortable dwelling house long 45 and broad 27 English feet, containing besides the hallway, two rooms, a basement kitchen and a study also a well of good water, a garden and an orchard of a half morgen planted with good apple trees and situated next to the house. The house, well, garden-fence and orchard will at proper times be kept and repaired.

IV. Free firewood, enough for Summer and Winter, will at proper times be delivered at his house by the members of Poughkeepsie.

V. Further shall His Rev. at his arrival here be furnished with a good stable horse as his service among us requires. But after this horse will have served out, His Rev. shall have to provide his own.

Thereabove shall he receive at Fishkill and wherever his service among us calls him, free lodgings and free livlyhood.

VI. Finally shall be handed to His. Rev. £40, New York Currency, which will cover the administration costs of the classis and his travelling expenses from Amsterdam to New York. The insurance premium for his goods and baggage insured for one thousand guilders, Holland Money, will be paid by us if necessary.

All this, we, the undersigned Elders and Deacons of Poughkeepsie and Fishkill promise to His Reverence, on the following securities.

(a) The subscriptions and freely undertaken obligations of the members of both congregations which guarantee a sum sufficient for the payment of the above stated salary.

(b) We, in our quality of Elders and Deacons bind ourselves for the prompt attention to the above stated matters, and the same shall be done by each and everyone who in time to come will be elected as Elders and Deacons of our Congregations; who at that

occasion shall have to sign this present instrument, according to the custom of several congregations in this Country, which custom has been adopted by us, when Dr. Van Schie came over and which since has been approved upon anew.

(c) Whenever there might rise some differences (which God forbid) between the minister and the consistories, in regard to the obligations which the consistories as such have toward the minister as such, and these differences cannot be settled between each other, we, the parties, will choose as arbitors, one minister each of this province, who is orthodox and in correspondence with the classis of Amsterdam to which arbitors the matters will be wholly referred.

(d) Both the congregations pledge and bind themselves that the union between Poughkeepsie and Fishkill will never be broken than in a church-governmental manner and under arbitration of two ministers, qualified as those mentioned above—and by an eventual separation none of the conditions of this call will be damaged.

These are our sincere conditions and full power of attorney on base whereof a qualified and inspiring minister shall be called for these congregations.

So then, we pray the Great Shepherd of the sheep, our Lord, and Saviour, who, by His Spirit under the preaching of the Gospel, congregates His Flock in all lands and from all nations, that it may please Him, to bestow His blessing upon this our proposed call.

And you, Very Rev. Sir and Highly Esteemed Gentlemen we sincerely request, considering the very great need of our congregations in this remote country to take this task upon you and to try with all your might to find for our congregations a well qualified man.

And when you have found him to persuade him to take up this service and to come over to us at his earliest convenience;

For a full harvest for Jehova may be reaped here by a zealous servant of Jesus Christ, and he may become a blessed instrument in God's hand for the spreading of His Kingdom and the Glory of His name.

We assure him, who as our pastor and teacher will come over to us, that we shall love and honor him as is becoming to a Faithful minister of God's Church.

With great desire we look forward to his coming and we beseech God to speed him on his way.

And you, Very Rev. Sir and Highly Esteemed Gentlemen we will always remember in sincere gratitude for your willingness and serviability toward our congregations, While we pray to God, that he may crown with His Grace your beloved persons, your service and task, together with your families, and may He follow you with His Blessing. Amen.

Very Rev. Sir and Father in Christ
Highly Esteemed Gentlemen,

Your very humble servants in the Lord.

The Elders and Deacons of Fish-kill The Elders and Deacons of Poughkeepsie
(v) (p)

Jacobus Swartwout
Theodorus Van Wyck
Jan Brinckerhoff
Isaac Brinckerhoff
Jonatan du Bois

Barent van Kleek
Lauwerens van cleek
Louis duBois son of T.
his
Pieter Vielie
mark
Gysbert Vele
Barendt Lewis.

I, the subsigned as witness thereunto requested declare herewith
that the above instrument has been drawn up according to the rule of
the church and under invocation of God's Holy name.

(Signed)

G. M. Weiss, minister
Minister of the High and Nether Dutch Reformed
Church of Rynbeek, in Dutchess County.

Poughkeepsie
the 22 of January 1744.

Below was written:

On ground of the above Power-of-Attorney, we, undersigned
have sent out a call for the congregations of Poughkeepsie and Fish-
kill to Dr. Benjamin Meynema, at present yet minister of the Holy
Gospel at Owdwolde and Westergeest on such conditions as are con-
tained in the said instrument; and that this call by him has been
accepted.

Amsterdam 4 May 1745,
(was signed)

Theodorus van Schellinjne
Pedro de Wolff
Leve Clarkson
J (or I) Stockers
Benjamin Meynema

A little lower stood:

This was signed in our presence
(signed)

Thomas Van Bisselik
Cornelis Janse
Otto van dam.

This extract agrees with the original, quoted above
Amsterdam the 9th of June 1745.

Otto van Dam,
Nots. Publ.

The Rev. Classis of Amsterdam having seen and considered the call for the ministry of the Church at Poughkeepsie and Fishkill conferred by the Committee upon the person of Dr. Benjamin Meinema, has unanimously confirmed the same as they confirm it herewith.

With congratulations and the invocation of the Divine Grace upon the called minister and his congregation.

Amsterdam 14 June 1745. In name of the Classis.

Johannes Van der Vourde.

Minister at Amsterdam.

President and secretary of the classis.

The Rev. Classis of Doctum, having seen the call conferred upon Dr. B. Meinema and the approval of the classis of Amsterdam thereupon; and having heard from the consistory of His. Rev's late congregation that dismission from his office there had been granted to him, also granted to Dr. Meinema dismission of his services at Oltwolde etc., and renders him to the congregation of Poughkeepsie and Fishkill.

Wishing him and his Rev. person and service in said congregation the Lord's most desired Grace and Blessing.
Dokkum 5 July 1745.

H. Ritsema, minister,
President.

A. Knock,
Secretary of the Classis.

LETTER NO. 2

Very Rev. Sir:—

Whereas two days after the Dismission of the Coetus we have received a letter by Dr. Boel, from the Rev. Classis of Amsterdam, by which the Coetus has been empowered to examine in name of the Rev. Classis the student Verbryck and also to take up the matters of Long Island and Tappan, it has been deemed necessary to call an extra-ordinary Coetus.

On account of the large distance of the different ministers the date of the meeting has been fixed upon the 1st Tuesday in November next, to which meeting your Rev. together with one of your Elders is hereby also kindly invited.

With sincere greetings, we remain Sir,

Your Rev's

Obedient Servants

In name of the Coetus G. DuBois.

New York,
The 28th of September
1749.

Address—

To the Very Rev. Sir, Mr. Bn. Meynema,
Faithful minister of the Holy Gospel at Poughkeepsie, etc.

I hereby certify the above to be a faithful and correct translation made by me from the original Dutch.

Louis P. de Boer,
LLB. M. A.
Historian.

226 West 58th Street,
New York.

Columbus Day
October 13, 1913.

COMMENTARY BY LOUIS P. de BOER

A. Notes on Letter I.

(I) Mr. Daniel Crommelin, was the great grandson of Jean Crommelin, a French refugee in Holland. Daniel's grandfather Daniel the son of Jean settled in New Netherlands, where his son Charles Crommelin was born. The son of Charles was the above named Daniel Crommelin. He was born at New York and like his ancestors was a merchant and shipadner. He left America and married in Amsterdam on Oct. 30, 1763. One of his daughters went back to New York and married Guillian Verplanck. Her father was still alive in 1777 when he corresponded with her. With her in 1816 the last of the American Crommelins died.

2. Rev. Theodorus Van Schellinjne. (see above extract note).

3. Rev. Hermannus Jacobi born in 1693 was licensed in 1726 and ordained as minister of Buytenpost and Lutkepost in the ring of Kollum, Classis Dockum in Priseland on May 18, 1726. He served the church there for 42 years and became emeritus in 1764 at the age of 70.

He lived at Buytenpost twelve years thereafter. In the night of 29 to 30 August 1775 there was a heavy thunderstorm and rain. The old minister rose from his bed to see if the rainpit was perhaps running over, groping his way in the dark he must have fallen. His body was found drowned in the tank. He had reached the reverent age of 82. Most of his property he had bequeathed to the Church there.

B. Notes on Letter II.

1. Rev. Henricus Boel (son of Tobias Boel) was born at Amsterdam 1692. Matriculated as student of Theology at Leyden Uni-

versity, Sept. 17, 1712. He was minister at New York from 1713 to 1754 and died there on June 27, 1754.

(For more particular data see Manual p. 329).

2. Rev. Samuel Verbryck, studied theology in America (see Manuel p. 880 and 106).

This letter of Dr. DuBois is a document of much interest and great value in the history of the liberation of the Dutch Reformed Church in America.

Verbryck was namely one of first three ministers licensed by the Coetus in 1749. The other two were Rev. Van der Linde and Jan Leydt in 1747.

3. For the Troubles of Arondeus at Long Island and of Muselias at Tappan (see *ibid.* p. 106).

C. Historical and Biographical Notes.

1. In the Extract of the Power of Attorney for the Ministerial Call at Poughkeepsie and Fishkill, the Introductory pages of the full document have been left out.

These seem to have been mainly historical.

Compare Dr. Corwin's Manual of the Dutch Reformed Church in America 4th Edition page 963 etc.

2. Rev. Gualtherus du Bois (son of Rev. Peter duBois of Amsterdam) born at Streefkerk, Holland 1671, lic. by the classis of Amat. April 6, 1695 ordained by the same 1 June 1699.

Minister at New York from 1699 to 1751. He died 9 Oct. 1751. He supplied Hackensack 1728-30. Bergen and other places occasionally.

He was the author of the plan for a Coetus (manual p. 438).

3. Rev. Theodorus Van Schellinjne (Theodorick is the latinized form of Dirck or Diederick and is often transformed into Theodorus).

He was born at The Hague, Holland, Dec. 23, 1692. He was a son of Johannes van Schellinjne, who was born at Nieu Amsterdam, Sept. 14, 1653, and whose widow was buried at The Hague, Holland, June 4, 1796.

This Johannes was the third and youngest son of Dirck van Schellinjne, who came to New Netherland in 1650 as a Notary Public (his ancestry is known to me). In 1654 he left Nieu Amsterdam and settled at Beverwyck (Albany) there he was notary public and from 1665 and 1668 secretary of the Town. After his death his widow and all his children but one went back to Hague. His son Cornelius only remained in Albany and became the ancestor of the Van Saaline family in America.

Theodorus van Schellinjne born Dec. 23, 1692 was minister of the Dutch Ref. Church at Bommel in 1720. He married at The

Hague Feb. 16, 1721 with Maria Van der Snoeck. In 1744 he became minister at Amsterdam, where he served until his death in 1776.

He was a poet also and his poems show the true religious spirit which prevailed in his circle. His portrait is known.

4. Rev. Cornelius van Schie. (See Corwin's Manual 4th Edit. p. 854-856.)

5. Rev. George Michael Weiss. See *ibid.* p. 896-899.

6. Pieter de Wolff signs his name as Pedro de Wolff. The de Wolff family was originally Portugese Protestant and their name was De Lopes or de Lupes, which was translated into Dutch, de Wolf after they had fled to Holland for the religious persecution in Portugal.

7. Rev. Benjamin Meinema was born at Oudwoude (Oltwolde-Oldwood) in Friesland as the son of the Rev. Cornelis Meinema.

Rev. Cornelis Meinema lic. 1684 was ordained as minister of Oudwoude and Westergeest cum Kollumerswaag on June 23, 1684. He served there 42 years and became emeritus in 1729. He died there in 1729.

His son Rev. Benjamin Meinema was ordained in the some congregation on October 19, 1727. His farewell sermon he preached there on the 8th of August 1745.

Outwoude etc. are in the Ring of Kolum in the Classis of Dockum Friesland.

The entry in the Consistorial Minutes of that place state that he left for "Poughkeepsie and Viskil in New York."

For further biographical data see Corwin's Manual p. 617.

He served at Poughkeepsie and Fishkill 1745-1756 and died in 1761.

8. Rev. Helperus Ritzema was born in 1711 in the City of Groningon in the Netherlands, and was a brother of Johannes Ritzema.

Rev. Helperus Ritzema was licensed in 1737 and ordained as minister of Nieuwkerk and Faan in Groningerland in 1737. On May 17, 1744 he entered the ministry at Metselawier and Nyewier, in the classis and ring of Dockum. He was president of the classis in 1745.

On Sept. 24, 1747 he went to Gassebte in Overysse, and from there to Breda and Braland. He served the Reformed Congregation there until his death in the end of November 1787 age 76.

Rev. Johannes Ritzema, his brother was born in 1710. For his biography and his influence upon the gaining of independency by the Reformed Church in America see Corwin's Manual p. 677 etc.

Through his brother Helperus, he was most likely the direct cause of the Call of Rev. Benjamin Meinema by the church of Poughkeepsie and Fishkill.

A Forgotten Church

There was once a Lutheran Church in the town of Beekman. It is not mentioned in any of the histories of Dutchess County and the fact that it formerly existed was discovered recently by chance. Report of an abandoned burial-ground was made to Dr. Poucher and, to verify the same, a party visited Beekman. The burial-ground was found immediately northwest of the residence of Mrs. Amos D. Baker on the road that leads north from Gardner Hollow to Verbank. Mrs. Baker was in possession of a tradition to the effect that her father, John Williams, born 1803, had attended services when a little boy in a Lutheran church-building which then stood next to the burial-ground but which was torn down approximately 1815-1820.

This information prompted an examination of county records in the Court House where, among the deeds, was found the entry of the gift by Colonel Henry Beekman in 1749 of the land and building for this Lutheran church. In abstract form the deed reads:

September 10, 1749.

Colonel Henry Beekman of Rhinebeck, grantor,

To

Nicholas Walter, Nicoll Koens, Jury Koens, Peter Sheer, Solomon Fluglar, Jacob Reasnors, all of Beekman Precinct;

Consideration: 10 shillings;

2 acres, 8 perches, in lot number 8, Beekman Precinct, bounded by the division line between lot number 8 and lot number 9;

Together with the church, churchyard and fences;

In trust for residents of Beekman of Lutheran religion, to worship in said church as Lutherans; as also in trust for use of a cemetery or burial yard for burial of Christian Corps.

(See: Records of Clerk of Dutchess County, Deeds, liber 2, page 233).

By reference to the map of the Beekman Patent, printed in the Year Book of this society for 1916-1918, the location of lots number 8 and 9 may be seen, northeast of Poughquag, a location which corresponds to the relative position of the present Poughquag Village and the burial-place found by Dr. Poucher.

The tradition of the former existence of a Lutheran church in Beekman having been confirmed by the records of the County Clerk,

a search was next made of the "Ecclesiastical Records of the State of New York," a search rewarded by several additional items of interest about the forgotten church. The items appear in the fourth volume of the series of "Ecclesiastical Records" at pages: 2623, 2930, 3082, 3083, 3084, and 3095. They are too long and too detailed to quote here in full but, briefly summarized, they yield the following facts.

In the 1730's and 1740's the Rev. Michael Christian Knoll was pastor of a Lutheran Church in New York City and served also small groups of Lutherans at "Hakkinsack" and at Quassaick Creek (Newburgh), at "Weapons Kreek" (Wappingers Falls?) and at "Bachwayk" (Poughquag), Dutchess County. In the 1740's trouble was caused at Poughquag by a certain John (or George) Lodwick Hoefgoed. The Rev. Mr. Knoll stated that Hoefgoed arrived in New York City in 1746 with a pass as a merchant but that he had no credentials as a minister. Hoefgoed went to Poughquag and began to preach and baptize in the character of a Lutheran minister. His preaching was said to be heretical and his presence created division in the congregation. Mr. Knoll and the elders and deacons of the church in New York City addressed a petition to the governor, asking that Hoefgoed be inhibited, and on May 30, 1746, Governor Clinton ordered that the latter should not exercise ministerial functions in the Province of New York without a license. Hoefgoed continued at Poughquag, regardless of the governor, and on October 29, 1746, a second petition was filed by the officials of the church in New York. This, also, was apparently without effect for on June 5, 1749, Mr. Knoll and twenty-nine members of the congregation of the "Protestant Lutheran Church of Beekman Precinct, Dutchess County," registered a third protest. How the trouble was finally settled does not transpire. Colonel Beekman's gift of land and building was made in September, 1749, which would indicate that the difficulty had then been composed. The names of the twenty-nine members of the Beekman Church, who signed the petition to the governor, dated June 5, 1749, are appended to these notes. If the register of this Lutheran congregation, containing baptisms, marriages and burials for approximately 1745-1825, could now be recovered, it would be valuable genealogically for many families in Beekman and the Clove. It is probable that examination of the register of the church in New York City of which the Rev. Mr. Knoll was pastor would show numerous entries of Dutchess County names.

Michael Christian Knoll
butser lasking, Jr.
Petrus yansen
Henrick Emig
Hannes Emig

William Lasing
Isaac Lassing
hendrics graberger
nicklas Emmich
John Johnston

John Cornel
Peter ijo hanes
Johannis van isbichtt
William Edward
Peter Graberger
butser lasking
philip Emig
Niclaas Emig, Jr.
Johannes Bergen
William Laseng

Reynier van hoese
Andrees Pick
Laurens Emig
Johannes Broug Treas
Andrees Lassing
John Cook
Jonathan ooklee
Pete Louerens lawson
Johannes Plowman
Peter yseec Lawson

HELEN WILKINSON REYNOLDS.



T O W N

RUSH CREEK
LITTLE POND
New Woods



John Cornel
Peter ijo hanes
Johannis van isbichtt
William Edward
Peter Graberger
butser lasking
philip Emig
Niclaas Emig, Jr.
Johannes Bergen
William Laseng

Reynier van hoese
Andrees Pick
Laurens Emig
Johannes Broug Treas
Andrees Lassing
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A Lady of the Victorian Era

Perhaps some of the older readers of this Year Book hold within their memories the name of Mrs. Charles H. Ruggles of Poughkeepsie, whose widest public fame was in connection with that Sanitary Fair which was held in Poughkeepsie in 1864 as the high peak of women's work in this vicinity during the Civil War. Those who can recall Mrs. Ruggles or who have had a tradition given them about her have in their minds a vivid picture of a "lady" of the Victorian era and a lady of the Victorian era was a type which now stands out in sharp contrast to the type of womankind exemplified in the twentieth century. Manners, occupations, values in life, all are different now from those of Mrs. Ruggles' period. A stiff wind has blown through the spirit of woman and she is to be found now seeking an athletic freedom in action and in dress, with a frank disregard for the grace of fine manners, and exhibiting a tendency to a democratic leveling-down that has done away with the former aristocratic conception of social values.

For "aristocratic" the nineteenth century was in Dutchess County in the true sense of the word aristocracy: "the rule of the best." There existed in Dutchess a society in which there was a general recognition of the value of good breeding,—good breeding not merely as to literal eugenics but in the world of culture. The best in the community, the people of understanding and parts, were looked upon with respect and their influence outweighed their numbers. There was essential social aristocracy in a political democracy and the leveling which occurred was up to an ideal of the best not down to the commonplace of the less.

Of all this Mrs. Ruggles was an illustration. Her life-story was one of dramatic contrasts. Born Mary Crooke Broome, daughter of William Broome and Ann Crooke (and "Nancy" Crooke was a far famed belle), her birthplace was the estate of a country gentleman on the New York and Albany Post Road, near Hyde Park, at the head of Teller Hill. She grew up through girlhood with the surroundings and ease of a home of more than average comfort and luxury. Her American ancestry numbered many generations and the atmosphere of her home was infused with the spirit which made that American stock strong. There was a belief in industry. Mary Broome spun the wool for the cloth that was made into a suit for her father and which he wore at the first meeting of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society. In 1864 she spent a whole day at the spinning wheel at the Sanitary Fair in Poughkeepsie. She was the acknowledged beauty of the countryside for a wide radius around Hyde Park and was early engaged to be married. But between her and her betrothed

a difference came and the engagement was broken. Her friends and neighbors thought to see the youthful Mary crushed by this experience. But no. The old regime believed in self-control; it hid its emotions of an intimate, personal sort; and Mary Broome appeared in St. James's Church, Hyde Park, on the Sunday following the breaking of her engagement, wearing with an all-protecting dignity the dress which was to have been her wedding-gown.

In her young womanhood her father died and she and her mother were left in straightened circumstances financially. They gave up the country estate at Hyde Park and found a refuge in the rough, back country of (the then Ulster but since) Sullivan County, where some real estate was salvaged from their losses. There, in all her youth and beauty, Mary Broome did toilsome frontier work, even to cutting and burning brush. Was this a degradation, did she roughen or blur her refinement by such tasks? Ah! The lady of the Victorian era gave practical expression to the "aristocratic" doctrine: noblesse oblige. "Nobility compelled" her to be, herself, greater than what she did. Mary Broome passed the test of brush cutting and stood revealed, still the "lady".

Then her half-sister, prosperously married and living in Albany, sent for her to visit Albany and meet again people of her own sort. Beautiful Mary Broome, fresh from cutting brush in the wilds of Ulster, seated in the gallery of the senate-chamber, was seen by the Lieutenant-Governor of New York, Edward P. Livingston, a widower in middle life. Mr. Livingston recognized her charm, sought an introduction, courted her, married her. For a time she lived at Clermont, the well known Livingston seat in Columbia County. Then Mr. Livingston died and his widow removed to Poughkeepsie. At Poughkeepsie she bought the property on Mansion street that George P. Oakley had called Primrose Green and which she re-named Brookside. There her hand was sought in marriage by the Hon. Charles H. Ruggles, Judge of the Court of Appeals of New York State, whom she accepted as her second husband and as whose wife and widow she is best remembered in Poughkeepsie. A carte de visite photograph of Mrs. Ruggles (reproduced in these pages), shows her in her later years, with only a hint remaining of her early beauty but looking (as has been said somewhere of some one else) "impregnable in her fortress of Victorian manners."

Today the word "elegant" usually connotes the kind of time young people have at a ball game but, even today, its antithesis, the word "inelegant," suggests another meaning. Inelegant affords a clue to the idea which elegant conveyed in Mrs. Ruggles' day. According to tradition, Mrs. Ruggles was a grande dame in her bearing, which simply means that she was an excellent instance of what was



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then thought most admirable in behaviour in social relations. Two ladies once went to Brookside to call upon Mrs. Ruggles. They chanced to be seated in a reception hall or room from which a staircase rose to the second story. Their hostess, summoned from garden or kitchen in an attire she thought unsuited to receiving guests, swept through the hall and up the stairway, apparently unaware that anyone was present. Then she reappeared in other dress and with utmost graciousness and hospitality made her guests welcome. A little thing, 'tis true, but a clear indication of the way in which her generation treated the lesser matters of social intercourse. Elegance was the standard. Those of Mrs. Ruggles' type or school of breeding were instinctively unable to be inelegant. They were made in another mold.

Industry, self-control, noblesse oblige, the commonest social interchanges given polish and dignity,—these, all, were characteristic of the good breeding of the lady of the Victorian era in Dutchess and, as exemplified in the varied career of Mary Broome, were reflections of the social standards she was born to. The lady of that day was superior to her own outward circumstances. She possessed within herself that which made her independent of those circumstances and gave her power to meet the events of life without loss of social poise.

A great war is a social earthquake. After war the world is never the same as before; never the same in politics, in economics or in manners and customs. There follows a period of re-formation and then the birth of new standards. Just now the pendulum in the world of women has swung to a radical extreme, far removed from the standards which guided the world of Mary Broome. Her world cannot return nor can the present radical swing of the pendulum represent woman's considered choice in the field of manners and customs, the field of good breeding. But to that considered choice, which thinking women soon must make, the lady of the Victorian era has a contribution to offer toward a composite whole and the story of Mary Broome may serve as a reminder of values now forgotten.

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Old Brown Homestead in "The Orchard"*

The old Brown homestead in "The Orchard," as it was called, was built in 1753. This date is to be found inscribed on the south wall of the house. It is located about three miles south of the Village of Rhinebeck and somewhat less than a mile east of the Post Road. The material of the house is stone. Heerman Brown, the common ancestor of the Rhinebeck Browns, came here from Holland about 1730.

The family are of English descent and left England at the time when many Englishmen took up their residence in Holland to escape the penalties of non-conformity.

Heerman Brown married Maria Magdalena Hoffman. Maria was the daughter of Nicholas Hoffman and Jeanette Crispell, whose father, Anthony Crispell, was one of the patentees of New Paltz. Nicholas also had a son, Martinus, who married Tryntje Benson, daughter of Robert Benson and Cornelia Roosa. Martinus had for a second wife the widow Alida Hansen, daughter of Philip Livingston, the second Lord of the Manor. Martinus Hoffman was a Justice of the Peace for Dutchess county in 1750-1751. In 1755 he owned ten slaves, the largest number held by one person in the Precinct.

His son, Anthony, was supervisor of the Town of Rhinebeck 1781-1785. He was colonel of militia and a member of the first, third and fourth Provincial Congress.

Heerman Brown leased a tract of land from Henry Beekman extending along the Post Road from a point a quarter of a mile north of the 96th milestone to the cross road running east at Hillside. The tract extended to the east to some point beyond the stone house, also lands east and west of the Post Road and lands to the north and south of the road running west from the Post Road at Hillside. Portions of these lands are still owned by the sixth generation, in a lineal descent, namely "The Homestead", owned by Robert Bard Brown; and "Sunset Cottage", the home of Genevieve Brown Spurling. The farm on the north of the Pawling lands belonged to the Browns; whether this was included in the Beekman tract I do not know. Peter Brown gave this farm to his son, Sebastian. Peter Brown may have acquired it by purchase. He was said to be quite a wealthy man and that he loaned his money readily. Also when he died there was a basketful of promisory notes, most of which had become worthless. He no

*Paper read by Mrs. Sumner N. Spurling, April 10, 1919, before the Chancellor Livingston Chapter, D. A. R., of Rhinebeck, N. Y.

doubt acquired property through some of these loans. He owned the house in Rhinebeck village on East Market street in which Mr. Stickle now lives.

Sebastian Brown lived for some time on the farm adjoining the Pawling lands. Carved on the face of a high rock on the farm are the initials S. B. and the date 1832. This farm was later sold and Sebastian and his family lived at "The Orchard" until the new house on the hill was completed in 1845. Emily Brown, then in her twentieth year, and Levi Baker of Poughkeepsie were married in the new house (now the property of Robert B. Brown), just after its completion on the 5th of May 1845, but their courting had taken place at "The Orchard" and Uncle Levi Baker used to tell how he went to the old house to spend the week-end, (I don't know whether they called it week-end then). They gave him a bed with two feather beds, one on top and the other under him, but the old house had no hot air heater in those days.

Heerman Brown's first house, built probably soon after 1730, was nearer the Post Road. In 1763 he enlarged the present stone house. There were numerous outbuildings, and also quarters for slaves. There was a record in Albany of slaves kept at different times by the Browns.

My father, John C. Brown, as a boy, remembered the last of the slaves—old Joe Legg (who lived in a cabin with his old wife, in the edge of the wood near the "Wolver Cote". This was just up the stream a little way from the fishing pond known then as the "Pon-ee-kuk" (I have never seen this word in print and spell it simply as it sounds). The children of the family delighted to visit the cabin and indulge in some of the seed cakes that old "Mammie" made for them. An interesting story was told by Emily Brown Baker of how two of the slaves (I have forgotten their names, but she told them) had heard about the "Philosopher's Stone", that was to turn everything into gold that it touched. This stone could be procured by keeping water boiling in a vessel for a whole year, at the end of which time you would find the stone at the bottom. The slaves decided to try it and used the old black kettle that was used when the annual butchering was on. The pot was kept boiling for several months—one of the old darkies watching while the other slept, but one day they both became intoxicated on some of great-grandfather Brown's hard cider and both fell asleep, consequently the fire went out and the "Philosopher's Stone" lost—unfortunately for the slaves and also for the Brown family. This is a true story.

Bastian Brown succeeded his father to the ownership of the place. He married Margaret Schultz. Their children were Peter, John and Helen, who died young. After the death of Bastian, his

widow, Margaret, married Richard Schell. They had several children, the oldest, Christian, married Elizabeth Hughes, the widow of Col. Pope. The children of Christian and Elizabeth Hughes were Richard, Robert, Augustus and Edward.

Peter Brown had married Eleanor, the daughter of Major John Pawling. Major John Pawling died Dec. 30, 1819. He is buried in the cemetery of the old Dutch Reformed church at Rhinebeck. The tombstone has inscribed upon it: "Major John Pawling, who departed this life Dec. 30, 1819, aged 87 years 3 da. Here lies the honored soldier, the respected citizen and the beloved parent."

After his death his widow lived with her daughter, Eleanor Brown, at "The Orchard."

In Revolutionary days "cooties" were no more respecters of persons than they are now in these days of the great world war. The story is told that when Major John Pawling returned from the Revolutionary War, his daughter, Eleanor, in desperation, tucked every article of his uniform into the old chimney oven and in due process of time the "cooties" were no more.

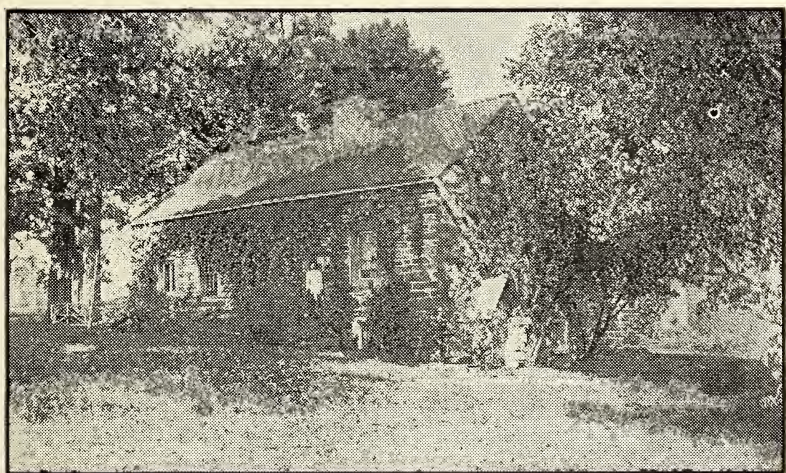
Christian Schell died in 1825 and his wife soon after, and Peter Brown took the young step-brothers to live with him in the stone house, the second generation of Schell boys to be brought up there.

The Schell boys afterward became prominent in public affairs. Augustus graduated from Union College, was a lawyer, financier and was Collector of the Port of New York. Robert became President of the Bank of Manhattan. Richard was a State Senator in 1856 and Representative in Congress for New York in 1875.

In the days of Peter Brown peace and plenty reigned throughout "The Orchard". The old house was known far and wide for its good cheer and entertainment. The family was large and there was always company. The fields were cultivated, the trees pruned and abundantly fruitful, the barns filled with grain and well stocked.

The "Sap Bush" some little distance westward from the old house was a cool delightful grove in summer and in late winter and spring a scene of much activity. The big maple trees were tapped, the clear sap gathered in pails and boiled in a huge arch-kettle, suspended over a fire in the open woods. Here again the children were much in evidence, especially as "sugaring off" time approached; when the thick syrup was allowed to cool in forms into the delicious maple sugar cakes.

The ample proportions of the old house were well adapted to hospitality. The basements as well as the ground floor had the wide open fireplaces, where the big black logs burned on andirons, some of which are still preserved in the family.



BROWN HOMESTEAD

On long winter evenings the family gathered around the fire for rest and cheer while rows of shining apples toasted on the hearth and perhaps something stronger than water simmered in the mugs, and glossy chestnuts were roasted over the blaze, while the children laughed and played and the house dogs, with paws outspread to the warmth, dreamed of encounters with woodchucks and rabbits, and in the early days, perhaps, more sanguinary combats.

There were rooms on the second floor and also shadowy garrets where the old chests, some of them brought from the old world, were stored. At one time one of these chests was filled with deeds and other papers connected with the family and house. Frank M. Baker remembers seeing the large seals, he says. They had the King's seal on them, but these were destroyed in one of the annual house cleanings, although the old chests were preserved.

In the west room, on the ground floor, was one of the old "Dutch" beds. The room was partitioned off just the width or a little more for a bed. The board partition had an opening like a door in front of the bed; when it was closed, the wall being papered, you would not know there was a bed there. These beds were quite common in the old Dutch houses. The old mahogany furniture has been scattered among various branches of the family or sold. There was once a most curious old corner China closet with high doors fitted with small panes of glass. Some years ago much of the original land, including the house, was purchased by Raymond Miller. Later it became the property of William Starr Miller, who is the present owner. It is believed Mr. Miller appreciates its value as one of the landmarks of the town and has preserved it.

The timbers in the present edifice of the Dutch Reformed church in Rhinebeck, which was built in 1804, were cut in the Brown woodlands and were part of Peter Brown's contribution to the building. Also the white oak shaft of the old mill wheel at Rhinebeck was cut in the same woods. A part of this shaft and some of the iron work is about all that remains today.



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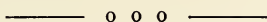
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